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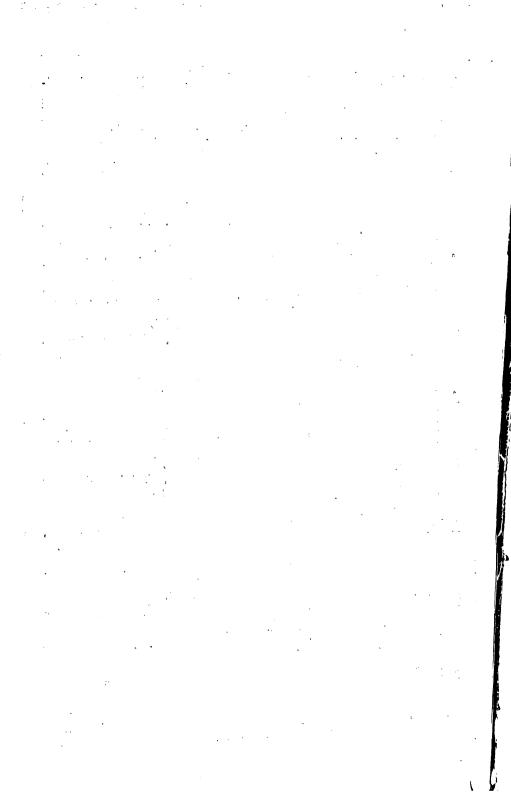
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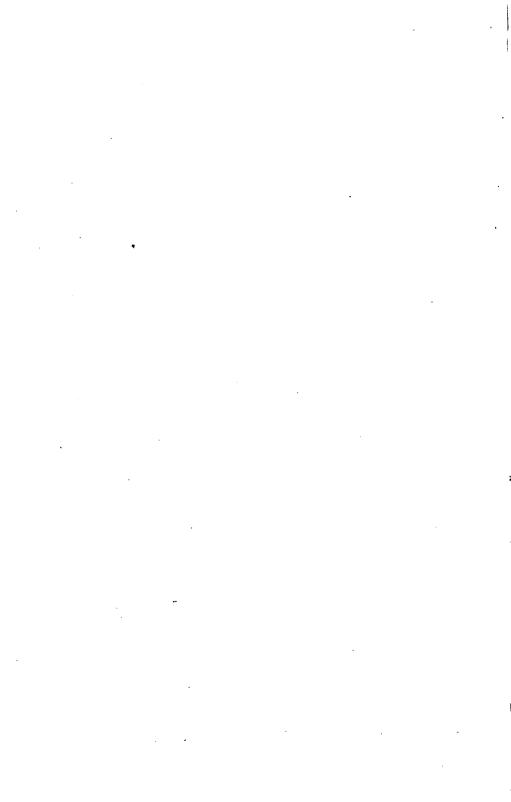
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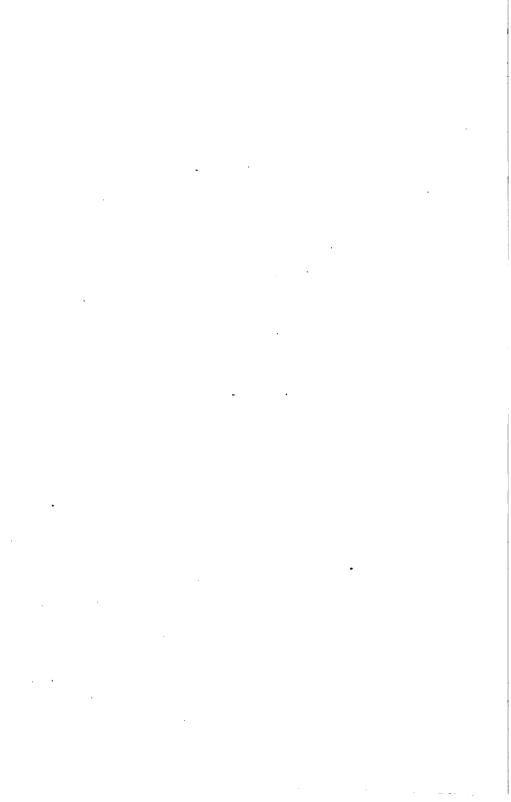
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### PREFACE.

THE following pages are the result of an examination of the reports of cases decided in the Privy Council on appeal from the Colonies to the Sovereign; and of an attempt to collect, arrange, and briefly describe the existing Statutes of the Imperial Parliament which relate to the Colonies. It did not come within the scope of the writer's design to treat of the great dependency of India.

The Topical Index of Cases is intended to serve as a compendious guide to the volumes of the Privy Council Reports, so far as they are concerned with the Colonies. For the sake of completeness, however, the few cases from the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man have been added, though those territories can hardly be considered as Colonies, strictly speaking.

It has been thought sufficient to give in the body of the text a reference under each case to one set of Reports only; but in the Table of Cases and the Index to the Names of the Cases the references are given to all the principal reports in which the cases are to be found.

Some few of the Statutes here presented would seem to be obsolete; but it is hoped that none have been included which have actually been wholly repealed.

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### CHAPTERS

ON THE

# LAW RELATING TO THE COLONIES.

### INTRODUCTORY.

#### DEFINITION OF A COLONY.

THE British Colonies or Plantations are remote INTRODUCTORY.

possessions of this realm, occupied for the purposes Definition of trade or cultivation.

The term "colony" is defined in several Acts of Parliament which have been passed for various purposes connected with the colonies,<sup>2</sup> but in each only for the purposes of the particular Act.

No general definition appears to have been enacted in any statute. But it may be laid down, following the statutes referred to above, that the word in its usual sense includes all Her Majesty's possessions abroad except the Isle of Man,<sup>3</sup> the Channel Islands, and India.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Clark's Colonial Law, 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> E.g. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 96; 18 & 19 Vict. c. 104; 28 & 29 Vict. c. 63; 28 & 29 Vict. c. 113; 31 & 32 Vict. c. 37; 32 Vict. c. 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As to the Isle of Man not being a foreign dominion of the Crown, see In re Brown, 33 L. J. Q. B. 193.

In the Act, however, to explain the Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1 British Colonies include any of of a colony. Her Majesty's possessions out of the United Kingdom. And in the Act to regulate sentences imposed by Colonial Courts where jurisdiction to try is conferred by Imperial Acts, 2 the term "colony" is expressly interpreted to include India, but not the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. 3

<sup>1 28 &</sup>amp; 29 Vict. c. 116.

<sup>2 37 &</sup>amp; 38 Vict. c. 27.

<sup>See also 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99, s. 19, compared with 38 & 39 Vict.
c. 66, sched.; 23 & 24 Vict. c. 88; 31 Vict. c. 29; and 31 & 32 Vict.
c. 37.</sup> 

#### CHAPTER I.

#### THE LAWS TO WHICH THE COLONIES ARE SUBJECT.

Colonies are formed either by settlement of an Chap. I. unoccupied or barbarous country, or by conquest or cession from other nations. These different modes of acquisition give rise to corresponding differences in the laws to which a colony becomes subject on its foundation.

### Section 1.

"If there be a new and uninhabited country Sect. 1. found out by English subjects, as the law is the Colonies birthright of English subjects, so wherever they go they carry their laws with them; and therefore such new-found country is to be governed by the laws of England." 1

This proposition applies also to settlements made by Englishmen in barbarous countries, where they carry with them not only their laws, but the sovereignty of their own State; and those who live amongst them, and become members of their com-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 P. Will. 75; Blankard v. Galdy, 2 Salk. 411; May. of Lyons v. E. I. Co., 1 Moo. P. C. C. p. 272; Forbes v. Cochrane, 2 B. & C. p. 463.

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CHAP. I. munity, become also partakers of and subject to the same laws.1

> The principle here enunciated is intelligible, convenient, and just, so far as the common law is concerned; and the doctrine is so limited in its expression in some authorities.2 But inasmuch as English statute law is constantly being added to and altered by fresh enactments, it becomes necessary to consider how far the doctrine is to be understood to extend to that division of the law. Lord Mansfield lays down the rule as follows: 3—

> "No Act of Parliament made after a colony is planted is construed to extend to it without express words showing the intention of the legislature to be that it should."4

> In some colonial Ordinances and Acts express provision is made as to the time at which the English law to be enforced in the colonies is to be ascertained. Thus in Hong Kong the 5th of April, 1843, is fixed by Ordinance 12 of 1873; in the Falkland Islands the 1st of January, 1850, by Ordinance 2 of 1876; in Fiji the 2nd of January, 1875, by Ordinance 14 of 1875. In New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land by 9 Geo. 4, c. 83, s. 24, the Laws and Statutes of England at the time of the passing of the Act (1828) are to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Advocate-General of Bengal v. Ranee Surnomoye Dossee, 2 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., p. 59.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Com. Dig. Ley (C.), Falkland Islands v. The Queen, 2 Moo. P. C. C. N. S., p. 273.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> R. v. Vaughan, 4 Burr. p. 2500.

<sup>4</sup> Cp. 2 P. Will. 75.

In Upper Canada the laws of England in CHAP. I. force on the 15th October, 1792, are to be the rule Sect. 1. as to property and civil rights by the Consolidated colonies. Statutes of 1859. On the Gold Coast by Ordinance No. 4 of 1876 English law in force on the 24th of January, 1874, is to be observed so far as the limits of local jurisdiction and circumstances permit; but native laws are to be respected as far as possible. And in the Act to grant a Representative Constitution to New Zealand<sup>2</sup> it is provided<sup>3</sup> (re-enacting s. 10 of 9 & 10 Vict. c. 103), that "whereas it may be expedient that the laws, customs, and usages of the aboriginal or native inhabitants of New Zealand, so far as they are not repugnant to the general principles of humanity, should for the present be maintained for the government of themselves in all their relations to and dealings with each other, and that particular districts should be set apart within which such laws, customs, and usages should be so observed: it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Letters Patent to be issued under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, from time to time to make provision for the purposes aforesaid, any repugnancy of any such native laws, customs, or usages to the law of England, or to any law, statute, or usage in force in New Zealand or in any part thereof, in anywise not withstanding."

<sup>1</sup> See Astley v. Fisher, 6 C. B. 572, as to the meaning of this enact-

<sup>2 15 &</sup>amp; 16 Vict. c. 72.

<sup>8</sup> s. 71.

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Occupied colonies.

English colonists carry with them only so much of the English law as is applicable to their own situation and the condition of an infant colony. In inquiring, therefore, if any one of our municipal laws has been introduced into a particular territory acquired by the Crown (by conquest, cession, or settlement), the question may arise whether the law originated out of a purely local policy or not,—was it adapted solely to the mother country in which it was made?

The following statutes have been held not to apply to the places named:—

- The Mortmain Act, Grenada (a conquered colony), A.-G. v. Stewart, 2 Mer. 143;

  New South Wales (a settled colony),

  Whicker v. Hume, 7 H. L. 124, where the principle of the exclusion of the Mortmain Act was declared applicable to all colonies.
- Positive Regulations of Police, Jamaica, R. v. Vaughan, 4 Burr. 2500.
- Statute of Frauds as to devises, Barbadoes, 2 P. Will. 75.
- Penal Statutes, Barbadoes, Dawes v. Painter, Freeman, 175.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1 Blackst. by Harg. 107; Kielley v. Carson, 4 Moo. P. C. C. p. 84; Campbell v. Hall, 20 St. Tr. col. 289; Freeman v. Fairlie, 1 Moo. Ind. App. p. 323; Falkland Islands v. The Queen, 2 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 266; Colonial Bank v. Warden, 5 Moo. P. C. C. 340. And so declared in Fiji by Ordinance 14 of 1875.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A.-G. v. Stewart, 2 Mer. pp. 159-161; May. of Lyons v. E. India Co., 1 Moo. P. C. C. 175; Yeap Cheah Neo. v. Ong Cheng Neo., L. R. 6 P. C. 381.

The Alien Acts, India, Mayor of Lyons v. East CHAP. I. India Co., 1 Moo. P. C. C. 175. Sect. 1. Occupied The Marriage Acts, India, Lautour v. Teesdale, colonies.

8 Taunt. 830.

The Bankrupt Acts, 6 Geo. 4, c. 16, and 2 & 3 W. 4, c. 114, India, Clark v. Mullick, 3 Moo. P. C. C. 252.1

Statute of Charitable Uses, Nevis, Campbell v. Hall, 20 State Tr. col. 289.

As no ecclesiastical law is required in a colony where there is no established church, the ecclesiastical law of England cannot be treated as part of the law which settlers carry with them from the mother country.2

In certain cases Acts of Parliament have been passed to give territorial extension to the operation of English law. The Act for the prevention and punishment of offences committed by Her Majesty's subjects within certain territories adjacent to the colony of Sierra Leone 3 recites that the inhabitants of territories adjacent to Sierra Leone extending to the Rio Grande to the North of the colony, to the Rio Gallinas to the South of the colony, and for four hundred miles to the East of the colony, were in an uncivilized state, and that offences against their persons and property were frequently committed by

<sup>1</sup> But see Ellis v. M'Henry, L. R. 6 C. P. 228.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In re Lord Bishop of Natal, 3 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 115.

<sup>3 24 &</sup>amp; 25 Vict. c. 31.

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Similar provision for the prevention and punishment of offences by British subjects in territories in S. Africa not within the jurisdiction of any civilized government was made by 26 & 27 Vict. c. 35.

The 34 Vict. c. 8, on the other hand, recites that the inhabitants of certain territories in Africa adjoining Her Majesty's settlements of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Gold Coast, Lagos, and the adjacent protectorates were not within any civilized jurisdiction; and that crimes had been, and were likely to be, committed within such territories against British subjects and persons resident within the said settlements. It therefore enacts that crimes or offences committed within twenty miles of the settlements or protectorates by Her Majesty's subjects or by persons not subjects of any civilized power against the persons of British subjects or of residents within the settlements should be tried and punished as if committed within the settlements.

The following Acts provide for cases where British subjects are settled in barbarous or desolate countries

without having established any legal form of govern- CHAP. I. ment, or received any constitution from the sovereign. Sect. 1. Occupied

The Act to enable Her Majesty to provide for the colonies. government of her settlements on the coast of Africa and in the Falkland Islands 1 sets out that divers of Her Majesty's subjects have resorted to and taken up their abode at divers places on or adjacent to the coast of the continent of Africa and on the Falkland Islands, and that it is necessary for Her Majesty to make better provision for the civil government of the said settlements; and thereupon 2 empowers Her Majesty in Council to make laws, and constitute courts, for the government of Her Majesty's subjects and others within the present or future settlements. By s. 2 she may delegate to any three or more persons within any of the settlements the power and authorities so vested in her.

The 23 & 24 Vict. c. 121, after reciting the Act just mentioned, and that divers of Her Majesty's subjects had occupied or might thereafter occupy other places, being possessions of Her Majesty, but in which no government had been established, proceeds 3 to extend the provision made for the government of settlements made by Her Majesty's subjects on the coast of Africa and in the Falkland Islands to all possessions of Her Majesty not having been acquired by cession or conquest, nor being within the jurisdiction of the legislative authority of any of Her Majesty's possessions abroad. Authority

CHAP. I. is also given to Her Majesty to empower the Sect. 1. principal Courts in any of her possessions to take Cocupied colonies. cognizance of civil and criminal proceedings in respect of matters occurring within any of the possessions to which the Act or the recited Act should extend.

### Section 2.

Sect. 2. Conquered and ceded colonies. In conquered countries the laws remain until they are altered by the conqueror.<sup>2</sup> Thus in Lower Canada (Quebec) the Old French Law prevails in civil matters;<sup>3</sup> but the criminal law is that in force in England in 1763.<sup>4</sup> In S. Lucia a code of civil law based upon the principles of the ancient law of the island <sup>5</sup> came into force in October, 1879. In the Mauritius the French Code Civil and the Code de Commerce prevail. <sup>6</sup> In Ceylon, <sup>7</sup> the Cape of Good Hope, <sup>8</sup> Natal, and in

<sup>1</sup> s. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Campbell v. Hall, 20 State Tr. col. 323; Blankard v. Galdy, 2 Salk. 411; R. v. Vaugkan, 4 Burr. p. 2500; Ruding v. Smith, 2 Hagg. Consist. Rep. p. 382.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Nye v. Macdonald, L. R. 3 P. C. 331.

<sup>4</sup> Reg. v. Coote, L. B. 4 P. C. 599.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Coutume de Paris, *Du Boulay* v. *Du Boulay*, L. R. 2 P. C. 430.

<sup>6</sup> D'Epinay v. Cockerell, 1 Moo. P. C. C. 103; In re Adam, 1 Moo. P. C. C. 460; Rochecouste v. Dupont, 2 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 195; Chapman v. Oriental Bank Corporation, 2 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 463; Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Co. v. Shand, 3 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 272; Sérendat v. Saïsse, 3 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 534; H. M. Procureur-Général v. Bruneau, L. R. 1 P. C. 169; Lagesse v. Lagesse, L. R. 4 P. C. 553; Courtaux v. Hewetson, L. R. 6 P. C. 407.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Lindsay v. Oriental Bank Corporation, 13 Moo. P. C. C. 401.

<sup>\*</sup> Denyssen v. Mostert, L. R. 4 P. C. 236.

the civil courts of British Guiana, the Roman-Dutch CHAP. I. law prevails.

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This doctrine was discussed at considerable length and coded by Lord Stowell in Ruding v. Smith.<sup>2</sup> That learned colonies. judge pointed out that "even with respect to the ancient inhabitants no small portion of the ancient law is unavoidably superseded by the revolution of government that has taken place. The allegiance of the subjects, and all the law that relates to it—the administration of the law in the sovereign, and appellate jurisdictions, and all the laws connected with the exercise of the sovereign authority-must undergo alterations adapted to the change."3

"Though the old laws are to remain, it is surely a sufficient application of such terms 'that they shall remain in force,' if they continue to govern (as far as they do continue) the transactions of the ancient settlers with each other, and with the new To allow that they shall intrude into all the separate transactions of the British conquerors is to give them a validity which they would otherwise want in all cases whatever."4

This would appear to be stated too broadly. The word "remain" may be understood with reference not only to the old inhabitants, but to the country in which the laws have had sway. At the present day it is the territorial rather than the personal application of laws that is the rule in countries of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> McDermott v. Judges of British Guiana, L. R. 2 P. C. 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 2 Hagg. Consist. Rep. 371.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> P. 382.

<sup>4 2</sup> Hagg. Consist. Rep. 383.

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the European type. The "extra-territoriality" clauses in treaties with Eastern powers, such as China or Japan, whereby Europeans resident in those countries are exempted from the jurisdiction of native courts and magistrates, reviving to some extent the system of personal laws that obtained in Europe after the break-up of the Roman Empire, are looked upon only as a temporary and inconvenient expedient, and are open to objection as curtailing the sovereign rights of independent states.

Lord Mansfield lays down, in Campbell v. Hall,¹ "That the law and legislative government of every dominion equally affects all persons and all property within the limits thereof, and is the rule of decision for all questions which arise there. Whoever purchases, lives, or sues there, puts himself under the law of the place. An Englishman in Ireland, Minorca, the Isle of Man, or the plantations, has no privileges distinct from the natives." ²

In Ruding v. Smith<sup>3</sup> Lord Stowell was examining whether a marriage celebrated at the Cape of Good Hope according to English law, shortly after the surrender of that colony by the Dutch to the

<sup>1 20</sup> St. Tr. col. 323.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Every alien coming into a British colony becomes temporarily a subject of the Crown,—bound by, subject to, and entitled to the benefit of, the laws which affect all British subjects. He has obligations and rights both within and beyond the colony into which he comes. As to his rights within the colony he may well be bound by its laws; but as to his rights beyond the colony he cannot be affected by those laws, for the laws of a colony cannot extend beyond its territorial limits." Low v. Routledge, L. R. 1 Ch. App. p. 47.

<sup>2</sup> 2 Hagg. Consist. Rep. 371.

English, was invalid as not conformable to the CHAP. I. Dutch law, the lex loci. The colony was surren-Sect. 2. dered to the British forces in 1795. Mr. Ruding; a and coded British subject, came there in September, 1796, on his way to serve with his regiment in the East Indies; and was married to an Englishwoman in October, 1796, by the chaplain of the British garrison, in a private house, under a licence from the commander-in-chief of the British forces there. Lord Stowell decided that the marriage was valid, "on the distinct British character of the partieson their independence of the Dutch law in their own British transactions—on the insuperable difficulties of obtaining any marriage conformable to the Dutch law-on the countenance given by British authorities and British ministration to this British transaction—upon the whole country being under British dominion-and upon the other grounds to which I have adverted." 1 The principle of the decision is embodied in the following proposition by Mr. Westlake in his Private International Law 2: "Where a marriage valid according to the lex loci actus is impossible from the want of any such law applicable to the case, parties may marry with the forms, so far as it is possible to observe them, and with the consents, respectively required by their own law." Mr. Westlake adds that in Ruding v. Smith "the impossibility arose from the Dutch law at the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 Hagg. Consist. Rep. p. 394

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> P. 57.

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Cape of Good Hope not applying to British persons passing through the place so soon after the and coded conquest that its future legal system was not settled."

> Statutes manifestly of universal policy, and intended to affect all our transmarine possessions at whatever period they shall be acquired,—e.g., navigation laws, and Acts for abolishing slavery and the slave trade-come into force independently of posterior legislation immediately on conquest or cession. 1 So also the English bankruptcy law has been held binding in the colonies.2

> The status of persons domiciled in a colony is determined by English law; the rights and liabilities incidental to such status by colonial law.3

> Laws contrary to the fundamental principles of the British constitution cease at the moment of conquest.4 Accordingly torture cannot be inflicted by English authority in a conquered colony. "The torture, as well as banishment, was the old law of Minorca, which fell of course when it came into our possession. Every English governor knew he could not inflict the torture; the constitution of this country put an end to that idea." 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Clark's Colonial Law, 15, 16; Dawes v. Painter, Freem. 175.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ellis v. M'Henry, L. R. 6 C. P. 228.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In re Adam, 1 Moo. P. C. C. 460.

<sup>4</sup> Cp. Lord Ellenborough, 30 St. Tr. col. 742.

Fabrigas v. Mostyn, 20 St. Tr. col. 181. As to Chinese slavery in Hong Kong, vide Blue Book, [C. 3185], of 1882.

The power of the sovereign to make new laws for CHAP. I. a conquered country has often been asserted by the Sect. 2. "Where the King of England conquers a and ceded country, it is a different consideration; for then the conqueror, by saving the lives of the people conquered, gains a right and property in such people; in consequence of which he may impose upon them what laws he pleases." In Smith v. Brown 2 Lord Holt said that the laws of England did not extend to Virginia; being a conquered country, their law was what the king pleased. So in Beaumont v. Barrett 3 it was laid down that Jamaica was a conquered island, and, as in other territory obtained by conquest, such laws were in force there as the king by his supreme authority might choose to direct. The king has "the whole legislative power in a conquered colony, in so far as he may not have parted with it by capitulation or by his own voluntary grant."4

But where the sovereign has once granted legislative powers to a colony, he cannot afterwards himself exercise those powers in reference to local matters. This was decided in the celebrated case of Campbell v. Hall, an action brought to recover a sum of money paid to the collector of His Majesty. George the Third, as a duty of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on certain exports from the island of Grenada. The Court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2 P. Will. 75; cp. A.-G. v. Stewart, 3 Mer. p. 157.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2 Salk. 666.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 1 Moo. P. C. C. p. 75.

<sup>4</sup> Cameron v. Kyte, 3 Knapp, 346.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 20 St. Tr. 239.

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The same principle was acted on in In re Bishop of Natal.1 There the Queen, as sovereign and head of the Established Church, had created by Letters Patent a Metropolitan, with episcopal jurisdiction in the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, which colony had at the time a Legislative Council and House of Assembly. By the Letters Patent the Metropolitan was to exercise metropolitan jurisdiction over the Bishop of Natal, with power to visit. correct, and supply the defects of the said bishop. By other Letters Patent a Bishop of Natal was created, to be subject and subordinate to the See of Cape Town in the same manner as a bishop of any See within the Province of Canterbury was under the authority of the archbishop thereof; with an appeal to the archbishop. The District of Natal had previously been granted by Letters Patent from the Crown a Legislative Council partly elective. These Letters Patent were not made in

<sup>1 3</sup> Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 115, following Long v. Bishop of Cape Town, 1 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 411. As to the effect of the judgments in these two cases on the Church of England in the colonies, and the status of colonial bishops, see Bishop of Natal v. Gladstone, L. R. 3 Eq. 1.

pursuance of any Order in Council, or Imperial CHAP. I. Statute, nor confirmed by any Act of the Legisla- Sect. 2. ture of the Cape of Good Hope, or of the Legislative and coded Council of Natal. The Metropolitan having sentenced the Bishop of Natal to deposition from his office, the sentence was, on appeal to the Judicial Committee, held to be void. They apprehended it to be clear on principle that, after the establishment of an independent legislature in the settlements of the Cape of Good Hope and Natal, there was no power in the Crown by virtue of its prerogative to establish a metropolitan see or province, or to create an ecclesiastical corporation whose status, rights, and authority the colony could be required to recognise.

After a colony or settlement has received legislative institutions, the Crown (subject to the special provisions of any Act of Parliament) stands in the same relation to that colony or settlement as it does to the United Kingdom.1

The power of the Crown to make law may be exercised not only by Order in Council, but by charter of justice under the Great Seal.2

But the king can make no laws which are contrary to fundamental principles, none exempting from the laws of trade, or the authority of Parliament, or giving privileges exclusive of his other subjects.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 3 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., p. 148.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Jephson v. Riera, 3 Knapp, 130.

<sup>3 20</sup> St. Tr. col. 323.

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In ceded colonies the sovereign's legislative power is the same as in conquered colonies, except that if the treaty of cession regulate the right of legislation, the terms ought to be obeyed. Thus the Mauritius, before its surrender to Great Britain in 1810, was a French colony; and having been surrendered on the condition that the inhabitants should preserve their religion, laws, and customs, the law of France as established in the colony before that event must be looked to.

As to the distinction in general between colonies by settlement and colonies by conquest or cession, the following observations were made by the Master in his report in the case of Freeman v. Fairlie 2: "I apprehend the true general distinction to be in effect between countries in which there are not, and countries in which there are, at the time of their acquisition any existing civil institutions and laws; it being in the first of those cases matter of necessity that the British settlers should use their native laws, as having no others to resort to; whereas in the other case there is an established lex loci which it might be highly inconvenient all at once to abrogate, and therefore it remains till changed by the deliberative wisdom of the new legislative power. former case also there are not, but in the latter case there are, new subjects to be governed, ignorant of the English laws, and unprepared perhaps in civil and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re Adam, 1 Moo. P. C. C. p. 470.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 1 Moo. Ind. App. 324.

The reason why CHAP. L political character to receive them. the rules are laid down in books of authority with reference to the distinction between new-discovered and coded countries on the one hand, and ceded or conquered countries on the other, may be found, I conceive, in the fact that this distinction had always, or almost always, practically corresponded with that between the absence and the existence of a lex loci, by which the British settlers might, without inconvenience, for a time be governed; for the powers from whom we had wrested colonies by conquest, or had obtained them by treaties of cession, had ordinarily, if not always, been civilized and Christian states, whose institutions therefore were not wholly dissimilar to our own."

Apparently the law of a colony upon any particular point must be proved as a matter of fact in the Courts at Westminster.1

In the case of land in a particular district of a colony into which the system prevailing generally in the colony has never been introduced, English law will be applied.2

It is a settled constitutional principle that, although the Crown may by its prerogative establish courts to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Astley v. Fisher, 6 C. B. 572.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lindsay v. Oriental Bank Corporation, 13 Moo. P. C. C. 401. The right to treat rent as a specialty debt is incident to privity of estate—a doctrine connected with the old feudal tenure, and with the ancient right of the landlord to come on the land and oust the tenant-and not to privity of contract. It does not therefore apply to the case of lands out of England: Vincent v. Godson, 4 De G. M. & G. 546.

colonies.

CHAP. I. proceed according to common law, yet it cannot Sect. 2. create any new court to administer any new law. 1 Conquered and coded

Every colony is of course subject to the paramount legislative authority of Parliament.2 is expressly asserted as regards conquered colonies in the first proposition laid down by Lord Mansfield in Campbell v. Hall 3: "A country conquered by the British arms becomes a dominion of the King in right of his Crown, and therefore necessarily subject to the legislative power of the Parliament of Great Britain." Sir T. Erskine May declares, in broader language, that "the legislative authority of Parliament extends over the United Kingdom and all its colonies and foreign possessions, and there are no other limits to its power of making laws for the whole empire than those which are incident to all sovereign authority—the willingness of the people to obey or their power to resist. colonies the Queen in Council legislates, while others have legislatures of their own which propound laws for their internal government, subject to the approval of the Queen in Council; but these may afterwards be repealed or amended by statutes of the Imperial Parliament; for their legislatures and their laws are both subordinate to the supreme power of the mother country." 4 He instances the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 3 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., p. 152.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Clark's Colonial Law, 10; 1 Blackst. by Harg., 108.

<sup>3 20</sup> St. Tr. col. 322.

<sup>4</sup> Parliamentary Practice, 40.

suspension of the Canadian constitution by 1 & 2 CHAP. I. Vict. c. 9 and 2 & 3 Vict. c. 53; the abolition of Sect. 2. Conquered slavery in all British possessions by 3 & 4 Will. 4, and ceded. c. 73; and other cases. An alien friend, residing in Canada during the publication in England of a work composed by her, was adjudged entitled to copyright under the Imperial Copyright Act, 4 & 5 Vict. c. 45, although she was not so entitled by the Canadian Copyright Act,—the Imperial Act, by ss. 2 and 29, extending to all the colonies, settlements, and possessions of the Crown now and hereafter.1 Act to remove doubts as to the validity of colonial laws 2 enacts (s. 2) that "Any colonial law which is or shall be in any respect repugnant to the provisions of any Act of Parliament extending to the colony to which such law may relate, or repugnant to any order or regulation made under authority of such Act of Parliament, or having in the colony the force and effect of such Act, shall be read subject to such Act, order, or regulation, and shall, to the extent of such repugnancy, but not otherwise, be and remain void and inoperative,"

British subjects cannot take possession in their own right of a foreign country. "No colony can be settled without authority from the Crown." "A country conquered by the British arms becomes a

<sup>1</sup> Low v. Routledge, L. R. 1 Ch. App. 42.

<sup>2 28 &</sup>amp; 29 Vict. c. 63.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Per Lord Mansfield, 20 St. Tr. col. 287. See ante, p. 8, for the government of settlements where there is no formally constituted authority.

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CHAP. I. dominion of the King in right of his Crown, and therefore necessarily subject to the legislative power of the Parliament of Great Britain."1

> The sway exercised by Sir James Brooke over the territory of Sarawak in the Island of Borneo presents a problem of some interest in connection with this topic. Sir James Brooke, commonly known as Rajah Brooke, was a British subject who in 1842 received from the Sultan of Borneo a grant of the government of Sarawak subject to a tribute. 1853 the tribute was remitted, and power was given to Rajah Brooke to nominate his successor, who, as well as each following successor, was to pay the Sultan £1,000 on his accession, or on the demise of his predecessor. In 1855 a commission was sent out by the English government to Singapore to inquire into the position of Sir James Brooke in Borneo. On that occasion the exact nature of the relation between him and the Sultan of Borneo could not be elucidated, owing to the document containing the grant from the latter to the former not being brought forward. But one of the Commissioners stated in his report that, in the face of the precedent of the assertion of the sovereignty of the English Crown over the territorial possessions of the East India Company set forth in 53 Geo. 3, c. 155, s. 95,2 he should not be inclined to uphold the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ibid. col. 323. And see The Foltina, 1 Dods. 450.

<sup>2 &</sup>quot;Provided always and be it further enacted that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or affect the undoubted sovereignty of the Crown of the United King-

opinion that Sir James Brooke or any other British CHAP. I. subject could attain to the position of being an independent ruler of a foreign territory. This diffi- and coded culty prevented the British Government for some years from sending out any official to protect the interests of Englishmen in Sarawak. But at length they yielded to the persistent arguments of Sir James Brooke and his friends; and in January, 1864, a British Consul was appointed to Sarawak,2 and obtained his exequatur through the instrumentality of Sir James Brooke, the ruler of that territory. In August, 1867, the Consul having resigned the previous year, an unpaid British Vice-Consul was appointed to Sarawak, and obtained his exequatur also from the ruling authorities of that The Vice-Consul resigned in June, 1872, since which time no person has been appointed to the post.

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dom of Great Britain and Ireland in and over the said territorial acquisitions."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Report of Commissioners, 1855, p. 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> London Gazette, 19 Jan., 1864.

### CHAPTER II.

#### THE EXECUTIVE.

## Section 1.—The Governor.

A .- Nature of his Office, Powers, and Duties.

Sect. 1.
The Governor.
A. Nature of his office, &c.

THE authority of the Queen in the colonies is represented by a Governor, Governor-General, or Governor-in-Chief.¹ He is appointed by Her Majesty's Commission, which confers upon him his powers, and with his instructions defines generally his duties. "The Governor of a colony (in ordinary cases) cannot be regarded as a Viceroy; nor can it be assumed that he possesses general sovereign power. His authority is derived from his commission, and limited to the powers thereby expressly or impliedly entrusted to him." <sup>2</sup>

The titles Governor-in-Chief and Governor-General are given to governors whose commissions comprise several distinct colonies.<sup>3</sup> Such Governments-in-Chief are:—

1. The Dominion of Canada, comprising the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 12 & 13 Vict. c. 96, s. 5; 26 & 27 Vict. c. 84, s. 1; &c.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Musgrave v. Pulido, L. R. 5 App. p. 111.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Rules and Regulations for H. M. Colonial Service, Colonial Office List.

provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Chap. II.

Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, Manitoba, Sect. 1.

North West Territories, British Columbia, and ernor.

Vancouver's Island.

A. Nature of his

- 2. Jamaica, to which are attached Honduras, office, &c. and Turk's Islands.
- 3. The Windward Islands, composed of Barbados, Grenada, St. Vincent, Tobago, St. Lucia.
- 4. The Leeward Islands, composed of Antigua, St. Christopher's, Dominica, Nevis, the Virgin Islands, and Montserrat.
- 5. The West African Settlements, composed of Sierra Leone and Gambia.
- 6. Gold Coast Colony, including the Gold Coast and Lagos.

The Governor-in-Chief administers the government of every colony comprised within his command whenever he is present therein. During his absence the administration is carried on by a Lieutenant-Governor, appointed by the Crown, or an Administrator (in West Africa), or a President of the Council (in the West Indies).

Governors are appointed during Her Majesty's pleasure, but do not usually retain office longer than six years. In the event of a demise of the Crown, their commissions remain in force until the expiration of eighteen months therefrom.<sup>1</sup>

The following is a summary 2 of the most im-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1 Will. 4, c. 4. See 14 Moo. P. C. C. p. 298.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Rules and Regulations, C. O. List.

CHAP. II. portant of a Governor's powers and duties, subject

Sect. 1. to the special law of each colony:—

ernor.

A. Nature of his office, &c.

- 1. He may pardon or respite criminals, and remit fines, penalties, or forfeitures accruing to the Queen.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. The moneys to be expended for the public service are issued under his warrant.
- 3. He grants licences for marriages, letters of administration, and probate of wills, unless other provision be made by charter of justice or local law; and in many cases presents to benefices of the Church of England in the colony.
- 4. He issues writs in the Queen's name for the election of representative assemblies and councils; convokes and prorogues legislative bodies, and dissolves those liable to dissolution.
- 5. He appoints, absolutely or temporarily and provisionally, to offices in the colony.
- 6. In colonies possessing responsible government he has, with his Council, the entire power to suspend or dismiss public servants holding during pleasure. In other colonies he can suspend under certain regulations, and has a limited power of dismissal.
- 7. His assent to bills passed by the local legislature is necessary to their becoming law. But in certain cases—e.g., matters concerning the currency, the army, and navy, differential duties, foreign treaties, the prerogative, or rights of Her

As to pardon of transported convicts, see 6 & 7 Vict. c. 7, s. 2; Barnett v. Blake, 2 Drewr. & Sm. 117.

Majesty's subjects, not resident in the colony, he CHAP. II. must reserve bills for the Royal assent, or assent to Sect. 1. them with a clause suspending their operation till ernor: confirmed by the Crown.1 of his

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- 8. He must repel aggression, and endeavour to office, &c. his utmost to suppress piracy.2 Also he must direct his attention to the state of the militia and volunteers in the colony, and report periodically on the subject.
- 9. He may not leave the colony without Her Majesty's permission, nor receive or give presents, nor forward articles for presentation to Her Majesty.
- 10. In colonies without representative assemblies the initiation of laws belongs in general to the Governor. In colonies having representative assemblies it is in many cases provided that the initiation of all measures for the appropriation of public money shall belong to the Governor.

In West Indian islands, or African settlements forming part of any general government, every bill or draft ordinance must be submitted to the Governor-in-Chief before it receives the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor or Administrator.

The nature of a Governor's official position and authority generally was discussed at some length in the case of Cameron v. Kyte,3 where the question

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As to the Governor-General of Canada, see Todd's Parliamentary Government in the Colonies, pp. 83 segg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Vid. per Willes, J., in Phillips v. Eyre, L. R. 6 Q. B. p. 15, as to the duty of a Governor in case of a rebellion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 3 Knapp, 332.

The Gor-

CHAP. II. was whether the Governor of the Colony of Berbice could of his own authority, without any special powers by his commission or instructions or by the A. Nature laws of the colony, reduce the commission of the office. &c. Vendue Master, an officer whose duty it was to sell all property sold by public auction. In that case the judgment of the Judicial Committee, after showing that the right to make such an order, if it existed at all, must, under the circumstances of the case, be implied from the nature of the office of Governor, proceeded as follows:1-" If a Governor, had by virtue of that appointment, the whole sovereignty of the colony delegated to him as a Viceroy, and represented the King in the government of that colony, there would be good reason to contend that an act of sovereignty done by him would be valid and obligatory upon the subject living within his government, provided the act would be valid if done by the Sovereign himself, though such act might not be in conformity with the instructions which the Governor had received for the regulation of his own conduct. The breach of those instructions might well be contended, on this supposition, to be matter resting between the Sovereign and his deputy, rendering the latter liable to censure or punishment, but not affecting the validity of the act done. But if the Governor be an officer merely with a limited authority from the Crown, his assumption of an act of sovereign power, out of the limits of the authority

so given to him, would be purely void, and the Chap. II.

courts of the colony over which he presided could The Governot give it any legal effect. We think the office of The Governor.

Governor is of the latter description; for no au-of his thority or dictum has been cited before us to show office, &c. that a Governor can be considered as having a delegation of the whole Royal power in any colony, as between him and the subject, when it is not expressly given by his commission. And we are not aware that any commission to colonial Governors conveys such an extensive authority."

In the recent case of Musgrave v. Pulido, an action against the Governor of Jamaica for damages for an unlawful seizure and detention at Kingston in Jamaica of a ship of which the plaintiff was the charterer, the principal decisions (including Cameron v. Kyte) upon the position of Governors of colonies were reviewed, and the result enunciated as follows 2:—

"It is apparent from these authorities that the Governor of a colony (in ordinary cases) cannot be regarded as a Viceroy; nor can it be assumed that he possesses general sovereign power. His authority is derived from his commission, and limited to the powers thereby expressly or impliedly intrusted to him."

The Governor of a colony, being the person to whom the general management of such colony is entrusted, is the person entitled to the bounties

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Page 111.

CHAP. II. payable in respect of a seizure of slaves, even though

Sect. 1. he is absent from the colony at the time the seizure

The Governor. is made. 1

A. Nature of his office, &c.

In Cloete v. The Queen,<sup>2</sup> and Gahan v. Lafitte,<sup>3</sup> the capricious and indiscreet exercise of their powers by Governors of colonies was restrained by the Privy Council. In The Queen v. Clarke,<sup>4</sup> and The Queen v. Hughes,<sup>5</sup> the powers of the Governors of New Zealand and of South Australia to grant waste lands in those colonies respectively were discussed.

#### B.—Liability to answer for his acts.

The liability of the Governor of a colony to answer before the courts of law for his acts may conveniently be discussed under two heads.

I. Liability to civil actions.

Here two questions arise in reference,—first, to the court in which the action may be brought; and, secondly, to the nature of the cause of action.

1. (a) It is well established by the case of *Hill* v. Bigge<sup>6</sup> that a Governor may be sued in the courts of his own government. That was an action against the Governor of Trinidad in the court of first instance of that island upon a bond given by the defendant to the plaintiffs in London before he became Governor. The defence was that the defen-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re Seizure of Slaves at Sierra Leone, Br. & Lush. Adm. R. 148; 32 L. J. Adm. 189.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 8 Moo. P. C. C. 484.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 3 Moo. P. C. C. 382.

<sup>4 7</sup> Moo. P. C. C. 77.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> L. R. 1 P. C. 81.

<sup>6 3</sup> Moo. P. C. C. 465.

dant was Governor of Trinidad, and therefore could CHAP. II. not be sued in the courts of the island. It was Sect. 1. argued that his official position exempted him from ernor. the jurisdiction of the courts of the island, by the B. Liability for his acts. process of which he might otherwise even be arrested 1. In civil on a capias, if judgment were obtained against him; actions. and his freedom in that respect was likened to that of the Sovereign from actions by the subject. Lord Brougham, however, in delivering the opinion of the Judicial Committee, laid it down that the Governor "does not ever represent the Sovereign generally, having only the functions delegated to him by the terms of his commission, and being only the officer to execute the specific powers with which that commission clothes him."1 His Lordship pointed out that the liability to be taken in execution was not the necessary consequence of his being liable to have a judgment against him, the privilege from legal process then still existing in certain persons not protecting them from suits. The decision of the court of first instance in Trinidad was therefore affirmed "on the principle that the Governor of a colony under the commission usually issued by the Crown cannot claim, as a personal privilege, exemption from being sued in the courts of the colony."2

(b) On the other hand, in Fabrigas v. Mostyn,3 the question was, whether the Governor of a colony could be sued in England for acts committed in his colony. The action was brought in the Common Pleas

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Page 476. <sup>2</sup> L. R. 5 App. p. 107. 3 20 St. Tr. 81.

The Governor. for his acts. actions.

CHAP. II. at Westminster by a native of Minorca against the Governor of that island for assault and false imprisonment. It was argued on the defendant's B. Liability behalf that the action could not be brought in an 1. In civil English Court against the defendant, he being the Governor of a colony. Lord Mansfield held that the action did "most emphatically lie;" though some of the language he used in reference to the exemption of a Governor from all suits in the courts of his government must be allowed to have been too broad, and his dictum, that the Governor is in the nature of a Viceroy, and that therefore during his government no action, civil or criminal, will lie against him in the courts of his government, was dissented from by Lord Brougham in Hill v. Biqqe1 as not necessary to the decision.

Glynn v. Houston<sup>2</sup> was an action for assault and false imprisonment brought in the Common Pleas at Westminster against the Lieutenant-Governor of Gibraltar by a British merchant resident there. On motion for a new trial the only question argued was whether the evidence was sufficient to warrant the verdict, the liability of the defendant in that court not being disputed.3

2. Secondly, as to the nature of the cause of action. The cases already cited sufficiently illustrate a Governor's liability for acts unconnected with his official capacity. The question whether he can be

<sup>1 3</sup> Moo. P. C. C. 382. <sup>2</sup> 2 M. & G. 337.

<sup>3</sup> And see Campbell v. Hall, 20 St. Tr. 239; Bryan v. Arthur, 11 A. & E. 108.

held liable for acts of State in his capacity of CHAP. II.

Governor has been raised, but has not yet received a The Governor has been raised, but has not yet received a The Governor that any of the courts. Tandy v. the Governor.

Earl of Westmoreland was an action against the B. Liability for his acts.

Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland for an act done in his 1. In civil politic capacity. In that case the Lord Chief Baron of Ireland (Lord Avonmore) declared that no man could maintain an action against a Lord-Lieutenant for an act of state during his government.2

That case was relied upon by the Court in Luby v. Lord Wodehouse,3 where it was decided that no action was maintainable against a Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland in an Irish court during his continuance in office for any act done by him qua Lord-Lieu-In delivering judgment the Court referred apparently with approval to Lord Mansfield's dictum in Fabrigas v. Mostyn as to the non-liability of a Governor in the courts of his government. The disapproval in Hill v. Bigge is not irreconcilable with the approval in Luby v. Lord Wodehouse. Hill v. Bigge only decided that an action could be brought against a Governor in the courts of his government for a cause unconnected with his political capacity; while Luby v. Lord Wodehouse decided that an action could not be brought in Ireland against the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland for an act done in his political capacity.

Both Tandy v. The Earl of Westmoreland and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 27 St. Tr. 1246.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Col. 1264.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 17 Ir. C. L. R. p. 618.

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actions.

CHAP. II. Luby v. Lord Wodehouse were mentioned in the judgment in Musgrave v. Pulido,' and it was remarked that "in these cases the Lord-Lieutenant B. Liability appears to have been regarded as a Viceroy. 1. In civil both the facts were brought before the Court, and in both it appeared that the acts complained of were political acts done by the Lord-Lieutenant in his official capacity, and were assumed to be within the limits of the authority delegated to him by the The courts appear to have thought that under these circumstances no action would lie against the Lord-Lieutenant in Ireland; and upon the facts brought to their notice it may well be that no action would lie against him anywhere."

In the same case occur the following remarks with reference to a Governor not regarded as a Viceroy. "If the Governor cannot claim exemption from being sued in the Courts of the Colony in which he holds that office, as a personal privilege, simply from his being Governor, and is obliged to go further, his plea must then show by proper and sufficient averments that the acts complained of were acts of State policy within the limits of his commission, and were done by him as the servant of the Crown, so as to be, as they are sometimes shortly termed, acts of State. A plea however disclosing these facts would raise more than a question of personal exemption from being sued, and would afford an answer to the action not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> L. R. 5 App. p. 111.

only in the courts of the colony, but in all CHAP. II. courts."1

The Gov-

In a subsequent part of the same judgment 2 it is ernor. said :- "Let it be granted that, for acts of power B. Liability for his acts. done by a Governor under and within the limits of 1. In civil his commission, he is protected, because in doing them he is the servant of the Crown and is exercising its sovereign authority; the like protection cannot be extended to acts which are wholly beyond the authority confided to him. Such acts, though the Governor may assume to do them as Governor, cannot be considered as done on behalf of the Crown, nor to be in any proper sense acts of State. When questions of this kind arise, it must necessarily be within the province of municipal courts to determine the true character of the acts done by the Governor, though it may be that, when it is established that the particular act in question is really an act of State policy done under the authority of the Crown, the defence is complete, and the Courts can take no further cognizance of it."

In an action 3 for assault and false imprisonment against the Governor of Jamaica in suppressing a rebellion in that colony, a colonial Act of Indemnity was set up as a defence. "That such an Act was thought to be necessary, and that it was alone relied on as a defence to the action, raises a strong presumption that it had been thought that the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> L. R. 5 App. p. 107. <sup>2</sup> p. 111.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Phillips v. Eyre, L. R. 4 Q. B. 225; 6 Q. B. 1.

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actions.

CHAP. II. action might but for this Act have been main-Sect. 1. tained. It is to be observed however that the facts The Govof the rebellion and its suppression were averred in B. Liability the plea by way of introduction to the Act of 1. In civil Indemnity, and Mr. Justice Willes, in delivering the judgment of the Exchequer Chamber, after saying that the Court had discussed the validity of the defence upon the only question argued by counsel, viz., the effect of the Colonial Act, adds, but we are not to be understood as thereby intimating that the plea might not be sustained upon more general grounds, as showing that the acts complained of were incident to the enforcement of martial law." 1

> The tendency of the decisions therefore seems to be towards exempting the Governors of colonies from liability to answer in civil actions for acts of State in the courts both of their governments and of England.

> There is no ground whatever for saying that the Governor of a colony cannot give his official sanction to a legislative measure in which he may be individually interested. It might as well be asserted that the Sovereign of these realms could not give assent to a bill in Parliament in which the Sovereign was personally concerned.2

> II. Liability to criminal proceedings for acts committed in his government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> L. R. 5 App. p. 110.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Phillips v. Eyre, L. R. 4 Q. B. p. 244.

The Act known as the Governor's Act, 11 & 12 CHAP. II.

W. 3, c. 12, enacted that "if any governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander-in-chief of any ernor.

plantation or colony within H. M.'s dominions B. Liability
for his acts.
beyond the seas shall . . . be guilty of oppressing 2. In crimany of H. M.'s subjects beyond the seas within their coedings.

respective commands, or shall be guilty of any other
crime or offence contrary to the laws of this realm
or in force within their respective governments or
commands, such oppressions, crimes, or offences
shall be enquired of, heard, and determined in
H. M.'s Court of King's Bench in England, or
before such commissioners and in such county as
shall be assigned by H. M.'s commission."

This Act was extended by 42 Geo. 3, c. 85, to all persons employed in H. M.'s service in any civil or military capacity out of Great Britain guilty of any crime, misdemeanor, or offence in the execution or under colour or in the exercise of any such employment. It, however, only provided for trial in the King's Bench in England. The latter Act does not extend to felonies, the provision therein for prosecution by way of information by the Attorney-General being interpreted to show that felonies were not contemplated by it, that mode of proceeding not being appropriate to them.<sup>1</sup>

In 1802 Governor Wall was tried at the Old Bailey for the murder of a soldier by excessive flogging at Goree, an island off the coast of Africa,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R. v. Shawe, 5 M. & S. 403.

Sect. 1. That prosecution was conducted under 33 H. 8,
The Governor.

C. 23,2 which empowered the King's Council to issue

B. Liability a commission of over and terminer for the trial in for his acts.

2. In crimany county of murder committed within or without inal proceedings.

the king's dominions. Governor Wall was found guilty and executed.

In 1804 General Picton was indicted for having caused Luisa Calderon, a mulatta, to be tortured in the island of Trinidad, of which he was at the time Governor, in order to induce her to make a confession concerning a robbery committed upon her master.3 The proceedings spread over six or eight years. The defendant availed himself of the second section of 42 Geo. 3, c. 85, to obtain from the. King's Bench a mandamus to the Court and Governor of the island to examine persons as to the laws and usages of the island and the proceedings that had been had against Luisa Calderon, and transmit the proofs to England. The case was twice presented to a jury, and on the second occasion a special verdict was found setting out the facts at great length, and submitting to the judgment of the Court of King's Bench whether upon them the defendant was guilty or not guilty of the charge against him. A prolonged argument ensued upon the question, amongst others, whether the Spanish law allowing torture continued to exist after the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 28 St. Tr. 51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Repealed by 9 Geo. 4, c. 31, s. 1, and 9 Geo. 4, c. 74, s. 125.

<sup>3 30</sup> St. Tr. 225.

conquest of the island by England; the counsel for CHAP. II. the prosecution contending that it did not, as being Sect. 1.

The Gov. contrary to the fundamental principles of the English ernor. constitution. The Court postponed giving judg-B. Liability for his acts. ment; and sometime afterward respited the de-2. In crimfendant's recognizances until they should further coodings. order. No further proceedings were taken; and in 1815 General Picton fell at the battle of Waterloo. A note to the report of the case mentions that "it was thought by the bar that, had the opinion of the Court been delivered, judgment would have been given against General Picton; but that, upon a con-- sideration of the merits, it would have been followed by a punishment so slight and so little commensurate with the magnitude of the questions embraced by the case, as to have reflected but little credit upon the prosecution."1

The above-mentioned statutes of W. 3 and Geo. 4 received discussion in the Queen v. Eyre,<sup>2</sup> where a mandamus to a Metropolitan police magistrate was applied for, directing him to hear the evidence in certain charges preferred against the defendant, and to proceed thereon according to law. The defendant had been Governor of Jamaica in 1865; and he having returned to England and being within the jurisdiction of the magistrate, application was made for warrants or summonses charging him with having, while Governor of Jamaica, illegally proclaimed martial law, and with certain other mis-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> L. R. 3 Q. B. 487.

CHAP. II. demeanours committed as Governor of the island. Sect. 1. On argument the Queen's Bench decided that an The Govoffence under the statutes above-mentioned was "an ernor. B. Liability offence committed on land beyond the seas, for which for his acts. 2. In crim- an indictment might legally be preferred in any inal proplace in England," within section 2 of 11 & 12 ceedings. Vict. c. 42; that that section and the other enactments of the same statute, as to preliminary proceedings before any magistrate in whose jurisdiction the accused might be, applied to charges under the other two statutes; and that the Court of Queen's Bench, where the trial is by them directed to be had, was included in the term "next court of over and terminer" in section 20 of the statute of Victoria.

### Section II.—The Executive Council.

The Governor is assisted in performing his duties
The Recon- by an Executive Council, the composition and tive Council.

appointment of which varies as the colony enjoys responsible government or not.

¹ In colonies where responsible government does not exist the Executive Council consists of the principal officers of the colony with or without a certain number of unofficial members. They are appointed by the Governor's instructions, or by warrant from the Crown, and can be dismissed by the Crown alone, the Governor having merely a power of suspension.

In colonies possessing responsible government

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Rules and Regulations, Colonial Office List.

the Governor has the power to appoint or remove CHAP. II. members of the Executive Council, it being under-Sect. 2.
The Execustood that those who have lost the confidence of the tive Counlegislature will resign or discontinue to exercise their cil. functions, analogously to the usage in the United Kingdom.

In some cases the Governor can only act with the advice of the Executive Council; but, generally speaking, he is not absolutely precluded from acting without it, if the public interest requires him to do so. But he must in such case conform to the special rules in his instructions.

In the West India Colonies possessing representative assemblies the Executive Council sits in some cases with the Governor as a Court of Error.

The statute 22 Geo. 3, c. 75, gives power 1 to the Governor and Council of a colony or plantation to remove any person from his office in the colony for absence without reasonable cause or neglect or misbehaviour. This power was decided by the Judicial Committee in Willis v. Sir George Gipps<sup>2</sup> to apply to judicial offices, and therefore exerciseable in the case of a Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. But in that particular case they considered that the Governor and Council ought to have given the Judge some opportunity of being previously heard against the amotion, and on that ground reversed the order of amotion.

This decision was approved in Montagu v.

CHAP. II. Lieutenant-Governor of Van Dieman's Land, where the Recutive Countive Coun

In Ex parte Robertson<sup>2</sup> the Judicial Committee refused to consider an appeal against the amotion by the Governor General and Executive Council of New South Wales of a Commissioner of Crown lands in that colony, on the ground that they did not enter into the consideration of such acts as were done by the Governor and Council of a colony in the exercise of the power and authority committed to them, whereby they dismissed persons from holding situations in that colony, they holding them not by any patent right, but simply and only during the pleasure of the Governor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 6 Moo. P. C. C. 489.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 11 Moo. P. C. C. 288.

# CHAPTER III.

#### LEGISLATIVE POWER.

A COLONIAL Legislature is defined in 26 & 27 Vict. Chap. III. c. 84¹ to mean the authority (other than Her Majesty in Council) competent to make laws for any of Power. Her Majesty's possessions abroad, except India, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. In the subsequent Act to remove doubts as to the validity of colonial laws² the above definition is repeated; and a Representative Legislature is defined as any Colonial Legislature which should comprise a legislative body of which one-half are elected by inhabitants of the colony. By the same section the expression "colonial law" is to include laws made for any colony either by such Legislature as aforesaid or by Her Majesty in Council.

It has already been pointed out<sup>3</sup> that when a Representative Legislature has once been granted to a colony, the legislative power of the Crown by virtue of prerogative is no longer exerciseable. The

3 Ante, p. 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> s. 1: cp. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 11, s. 2. 28 & 29 Vict. c. 63, s. 1.

Chap. III. Crown then stands in the same relation to the Legislative colony as it does to the United Kingdom.<sup>1</sup>

## Section I.

Sect. 1. Classification of colonies. The Colonies have been officially classified according to their form of government as follows:—2

A. Class one comprises those in which the Crown has the entire control of legislation, while the administration is carried on by public officers under the control of the Home Government. These are called Crown colonies.

In this class the legislative power is either

a. Entirely in the hands of the Governor as sole legislator, as in

Gibraltar.

S. Helena, and

Heligoland; or

- B. It is exercised by the Governor and a Council nominated by the Crown; this Council's authority again being derived either
  - From the Crown only, as in Ceylon, Mauritius, Hong Kong, Labuan, Trinidad,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Re Lord Bishop of Natal, 3 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., p. 148.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Rules and Regulations, Colonial Office List.

S. Lucia. Fiii: or

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(2) From Imperial or local law, as in \* Jamaica,

Classification of

Sierra Leone. Gambia. The Gold Coast and Lagos,

The Straits Settlements.

- \*Grenada. Falkland Islands.
- \* Honduras.
- . \*S. Vincent.
  - \*Tobago.

In all these colonies, except those marked \*, laws may also be made by Order in Council.

Legislative Councils nominated by the Crown consist usually in part of the principal officers of the colony, and in part of unofficial persons.

B. The second class comprises colonies possessing representative institutions, but not responsible government, in which the Crown has no more than a veto on legislation, but the Home government retains the control of public offices. Here the laws are made by the Governor, with the concurrence of either

> a. Two legislative bodies—a Council composed of members nominated by the Crown, and an Assembly composed of elected members; as in

> > The Bahamas

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Barbados, and Bermuda; or

β. A single legislative chamber, partly elective and partly nominated by the Crown, as in

\*British Guiana,

The Leeward Islands,

\*Malta,

Natal, and

Western Australia.

In the colonies marked \* the Crown has reserved to itself the right to legislate by Orders in Council. In Natal the Crown has reserved the right to alter or revoke the Constitution.

C. Class three consists of colonies possessing representative institutions and responsible government, in which the Crown has only a veto on legislation, and the Home Government has no control over any public officer except the Governor. Under responsible government the Executive Councillors are appointed by the Governor alone with reference to the exigencies of representative government, the other public officers by the Governor on the advice of the Executive Council. In no appointment is the concurrence of the Home Government requisite. control of all public departments is thus practically placed in the hands of persons commanding the confidence of a representative legislature. To this class belong

\*Canada, the Dominion of,

*Newfoundland,
†Cape of Good Hope,
*New South Wales,
*New Zealand,
*Queensland,
†S. Australia,
†Tasmania,
†Victoria.

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In the colonies marked \* the Council or Upper Chamber is nominated by the Crown; in those marked † it is elective.

The following are subject to the authority of the general legislature of the Dominion, Colony, or Group to which they belong, but possess provincial legislatures of their own.

Name.	Nature of Provincial Legislature.	Subject to.
Ontario Quebec . New Brunswick  PrinceEdward's Island Nova Scotia . Manitoba . British Columbia.	Single elected Assembly Council and Assembly  """  """  """  Single elected Chamber	Dominion of Canada.
N.W. Territory Turk's Island Antigua Montserrat	Council	Jamaica.
S. Kitt's	" " " Composite Council	Leeward Islands.  Mauritius.
Anguilla	Composite Council{	S. Kitt's and Lee- ward Islands.

In colonies without representative assemblies the initiation of all laws belongs in general to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Council elective.

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CHAP. III. Governor. In colonies having such assemblies it is in many cases provided by local or statute law that the initiation of all measures for the appropriation of public money shall belong to the Governor.

> In every colony the Governor has authority to give or withhold assent to laws passed by the other branches or members of the legislature. Without his assent no law is binding.

> Laws in some cases are passed with clauses suspending their operation until confirmed by Her Majesty. In other cases Parliament has empowered the Governor to reserve laws for the Crown's assent.

> Every law which has received the Governor's assent comes into operation immediately or at the time therein specified, unless it contains a suspending clause. But the Crown retains power to disallow all laws; and whenever that power is exercised, the law ceases to operate from the time such disallowance is published in the colony.

> In colonies possessing representative assemblies laws purport to be made by the Queen or by the Governor on H. M.'s behalf, or by the Governor alone, with the advice and consent of the Council and Assembly. They are designated Acts almost invariably.

> In colonies not having such assemblies laws purport to be made by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and are designated Ordinances.

> In West Indian Islands or African Settlements which form part of any general government every

Bill or draft Ordinance must be submitted to the CHAP. III. Governor-in-Chief before it receives the assent of the Lieut.-Governor or Administrator. The Governor-tion of in-Chief may require amendments to be made colonies. before the law is brought into operation, or may authorize assent to it on the legislature's engaging to give effect to any recommendation he may have to make by a supplementary enactment.1

### Section II.

The privileges of Colonial Legislative Assemblies Sect. 2. have several times been discussed in the Judicial Privileges and powers Committee of the Privy Council. In an action of colonial Assemblies. against the Speaker of the House of Assembly of Jamaica and certain magistrates and constables for trespass and false imprisonment,2 it was laid down that the power of punishing contempts is inherent in every Assembly possessing supreme legislative authority, whether such as tend indirectly to obstruct proceedings, or directly to bring authority into contempt.

That case, however, was overruled by Kielley v. Carson<sup>3</sup>, in which an action for assault and battery and false imprisonment was brought against the Speaker and certain other members and officers of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Rules and Regulations, Colonial Office List.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Beaumont v. Barret, 1 Moo. P. C. C. 59.

<sup>3 4</sup> Moo. P. C. C. 63.

CHAP. III. judgment of the Judicial Committee was delivered Sect. 2. in cautious terms by Mr. Baron Parke, who had Privileges and powers also delivered that in Beaumont v. Barret. It of colonial Assemblies. declared that the House of Assembly of Newfoundland did not possess the power of arrest with a view to adjudication on a complaint of contempt committed out of its doors, no such privilege having been expressly conferred upon it by the Crown, and such an authority not being a necessary incident to the creation of a local legislature.

In the same judgment it was laid down that the power of committal enjoyed by the House of Commons in England was held, not because it was a representative body with legislative functions, but by virtue of ancient usage and prescription, the lex et consuetudo Parliamenti, which forms a part of the common law of the land.

The same question was discussed in Fenton v. Hampton.¹ There the Legislative Council of Van Diemen's Land had appointed a committee of themselves to inquire into alleged abuses of the convict department, with leave to send for persons in order to prosecute the inquiry. The respondent, who was a comptroller-general of convicts in the island, was summoned, but refused to appear, and eventually was adjudged guilty of contempt by the Council; and on their resolution the Speaker, one of the appellants, issued his warrant for the apprehension of the respondent, who was accordingly taken into

<sup>1 11</sup> Moo, P. C. C. 347.

custody. For this an action of trespass was brought CHAT. III. in the Supreme Court of the colony, in which judg- Sect. 2. Privileges ment was given for the respondent. On appeal and powers the Judicial Committee said the principal point Assemblies. involved the constitutional rights and authority of the legislative bodies in various parts of Her Majesty's colonial territories; and decided that the case of Kielley v. Carson, where their lordships were of opinion that the House of Assembly did not possess the power of arrest with a view to adjudication on a complaint of contempt committed out of its doors, bound them. They also stated that there was no ground for the distinction attempted to be drawn between cases where the authority of legislative bodies was derived from the Crown, and the then present case where the authority was derived from a statute of the Imperial Parlia-The lex et consuetudo Parliamenti apply exclusively to the Lords and Commons of this country, and do not apply to the Supreme Legislature of a colony by the introduction of the common law there.2

A member of the legislative assembly of Dominica having been committed to prison for a contempt committed in the face of the assembly, it was argued that the previous cases of *Kielley* v. *Carson* and *Fenton* v. *Hampton* were distinguishable,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 4 Moo. P. C. C. 63.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The House of Keys, in the Isle of Man, has not, simply because it is invested with legislative functions, the power to commit for contempt: In re Brown, 33 L. J. Q. B. 193.

Chap. III. Sect. 2. could not punish for a contempt committed out of Privileges and powers the House. The Judicial Committee, however, on of colonial Assemblies. appeal decided that from the existence of the privileges of the House of Commons in England it could not be argued that like powers belonged to legislative assemblies of comparatively recent creation in the dependencies of the Crown; that there was no

tive assemblies of comparatively recent creation in the dependencies of the Crown; that there was no resemblance between a colonial House of Assembly and a Court of justice being a Court of record, and no ground for saying the power to punish for contempt, inherent in the one, is by analogy inherent in the other; that the principle in the common law, quando lex aliquid concedit, concedere videtur et illud sine quo res ipsa esse non potest, warranted no more than the right to remove for self security, not to inflict punishment; and therefore that the House of Assembly did not possess authority to commit and punish for contempts committed and interruptions and obstructions given to its business by its members or others in its presence and during its sitting.1 In another case 2 the power of the Legislative

In another case <sup>2</sup> the power of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria to commit for contempt was argued upon a different footing. That Assembly was constituted under a Colonial Act passed in 1854, ratified and set forth in the 1st schedule to the Imperial Statute 18 & 19 Vict. c. 55, by which statute a legislative Council and a legislative

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Doyle v. Falconer, L. R. 1 P. C. 328.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Dill v. Murphy, 1 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 487.

Assembly were to be constituted; and providing in Chap. III. s. 35 that the Legislature of Victoria should "define" Sect. 2. the privileges, immunities, and powers to be held, and powers enjoyed, and exercised by the Council and Assembly Assemblies. and by the members thereof respectively, provided they should not exceed those then held, enjoyed, and exercised by the Commons House of Parliament or the members thereof.1 By the Act 20 Vict. No. 1, passed in the first colonial Parliament held under the above statute, the legislative Council and Assembly and their committees and members were clothed with such and the like privileges, immunities, and powers as at the time of the passing of the Constitution Act were held, enjoyed, and exercised by the Commons House of Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland and by the Committees and members thereof, so far as the same were not inconsistent with the Constitution Act. Printed copies of the Journals of the House of Commons were made prima facie evidence of the privileges, immunities, and powers of the Council or Assembly, or any committee or members thereof. On the construction of this Act it was held that the privileges of the colonial Council and Assembly had been sufficiently defined by it; and that the legislative Assembly had power to commit the appellant for contempt in publishing a libel upon one of its members.

In the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There is a corresponding provision in the Canada Act, 38 & 39 Vict. c. 38, s. 1.

CHAP. III. Victoria v. Glass, the decision in Dill v. Murphy Sect. 2. was extended. In that case the respondent had and powers been committed to gaol for a contempt and breach of colonial Assemblies. of the privileges of the House by a general warrant of the appellant, which stated on its face that the legislative Assembly had resolved that the respondent was guilty of a contempt and breach of privilege of the legislative Assembly. The respondent obtained a writ of habeas corpus addressed to the keeper of the gaol; and on the argument upon the return, setting out two general warrants of the appellant, the Chief Justice and two other judges of the Supreme Court in Victoria had made an order for the discharge of the respondent, which the full Court had declined to rescind. On appeal the Judicial Committee came to the conclusion, following Dill v. Murphy, that, the Legislature of the colony having been permitted to carry over to the colony the privileges, immunities, and powers of the House of Commons, and having in terms carried over all the privileges and powers exercised by the House of Commons at the date of the statute, there was carried over to the legislative Assembly of the colony the privilege or power of the House of Commons connected with contempt, the privilege or power, namely, of committing for contempt, of judging itself of what is contempt, and of committing for contempt by warrant stating generally that a contempt had taken place.

The 26 & 27 Vict. c. 84 confirmed all laws CHAP. III. theretofore passed or purporting to have been passed by any colonial legislature, with the object of and powers of colonial declaring or altering the constitution of such Legis-Assemblies. lature or of any branch thereof, or the mode of appointing or electing the members of the same.

An Act having been passed to indemnify the Governor of Jamaica and certain other persons for proceedings taken by them in suppressing a rebellion in the island, it was considered by the Queen's Bench that local Legislatures having been established in our colonies with plenary power of legislation, the same comity which obtains between nations should be extended to them by the tribunals of this country, when their law conflicts with ours in respect of acts done within their jurisdiction. And the Court decided that, as it could not be disputed that it was within the competence of the local Legislature to pass the law, it effectually deprived the plaintiff of the right he would otherwise have had of maintaining an action in this country.<sup>2</sup>

The 28 & 29 Vict. c. 63 was passed to remove doubts as to the validity of colonial laws. After defining a colonial Legislature and a colonial law as above quoted,<sup>3</sup> it provides that an Act of Parliament or any provision thereof shall in construing that Act be said to extend to any colony when it is made applicable to such colony by the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> S. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Phillips v. Eyre, L. R. 4 Q. B. 225; 6 Q. B. 1.

<sup>3</sup> Ante, p. 43.

<sup>4</sup> S. 1.

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Chap. III. express words or necessary intendment of any Act Sect. 2. of Parliament.

Assemblies. By section 2 any colonial law which is or shall of colonial Assemblies. be in any respect repugnant to the provisions of any Act of Parliament extending to the colony to which such law may relate, or repugnant to any order or regulation made under authority of such Act of Parliament, or having in the colony the force and effect of such Act, shall be read subject to such Act, order, or regulation, and shall, to the extent of such repugnancy, but not otherwise, be and remain absolutely void and inoperative.

By section 3 no colonial law shall be or be deemed to have been void or inoperative on the ground of repugnancy to the law of England, unless the same shall be repugnant to the provisions of some such Act of Parliament, order, or regulation as aforesaid.<sup>1</sup>

By section 4 no colonial law, passed with the concurrence of or assented to by the Governor of any colony, or to be hereafter so passed or assented to, shall be or be deemed to have been void or inoperative by reason only of any instructions with reference to such law or the subject thereof which may have been given to such Governor by or on behalf of Her Majesty, by any instrument other than the letters patent or instrument authorizing such Governor to concur in passing or to assent to laws of peace, order, and good government of such

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bank of Australasia v. Nias, 16 Q. B. 717.

colony, even though such instructions may be CHAP. III. referred to in such letters patent or last mentioned instrument.

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By section 5 every colonial Legislature shall Assemblies. have, and be deemed at all times to have had, full power within its jurisdiction to establish Courts of judicature, and to abolish and reconstitute the same, and to alter the constitution thereof, and to make provision for the administration of justice therein; and every representative Legislature shall, in respect to the colony under its jurisdiction, have, and be deemed at all times to have had, full power to make laws respecting the constitution, powers and procedure of such Legislature; provided that such laws shall have been passed in such manner and form as may from time to time be required by any Act of Parliament, letters patent, Order in Council, or colonial law for the time being in force in the said colony.

Upon section 5 of this Act a question arose in an appeal from Lower Canada 1 as to whether the Quebec Act, 33 Vict. c. 58, was repugnant to the provisions of the Imperial British North America Act, 1867. The provincial Act was passed to relieve a benevolent society incorporated in Montreal of pecuniary embarrassment arising from improvident regulations. The Imperial Act created a Dominion Parliament for Canada, and a Legislature for the province of Quebec; and by section 91

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> L'Union de S. Jacques de Montréal v. Bélisle, L. R. 6 P. C. 31.

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CHAP. III. provided that the Dominion Parliament should have exclusive legislative authority over inter alia Sect. 2. and powers matters of bankruptcy and insolvency, which were Assemblies, not to be deemed matters of a local and private nature. By the next section were brought exclusively under the legislative authority of the provincial legislature inter alia the establishment, maintenance, and management of eleemosynary institutions in and for the province, and generally all matters of a merely local or private nature in the The Judicial Committee decided that province. the provincial Act was not an Act relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, and therefore not illegal and unconstitutional as repugnant to the Imperial Act.

> Colonial proclamations, treaties, and other Acts of State, and judgments, decrees, orders and other judicial proceedings of colonial courts, as well as affidavits, pleadings, and other legal documents filed or deposited in colonial courts, may be proved by examined or duly authenticated copies.1

> > 1 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99, s. 7.

### CHAPTER IV.

### JUDICIARY AND BAR.

It has already been mentioned 1 that under the CHAP. IV. statute 22 Geo. III. c. 75, s. 2, the Governor and Judiciary Council of a colony are empowered to amove persons from judicial office in the colony for absence without reasonable cause, or neglect, or misbehaviour. The following memorandum with reference to the removal of colonial Judges was drawn up by order of the Lord President, in pursuance of a request from the Earl Granville, the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, and submitted to and confirmed by the Lords of the Council in 1870.2

"It is obvious that some effectual means ought to exist for the removal of colonial Judges charged with grave misconduct; and these means ought to be less cumbrous than those existing for the removal of one of Her Majesty's Judges in England. The mode of procedure ought to protect Judges against the party and personal feelings which sometimes sway colonial Legislatures, and to ensure to the accused party a

<sup>1</sup> Ante, p. 41.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 6 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., Appendix, ix.

CHAP. IV. full and fair hearing before an impartial and elevated Judiciary and Bar tribunal.

"Hence it was considered in the case of Mr. Justice Boothby that although the Legislature of South Australia had passed addresses to the Crown for his removal, that measure did not suffice, as it would have done in England; and that although the Legislature might act as his accuser, it rested with the advisers of the Crown in England to dispose of the charges against him.

"All the forms of suspension or removal which are in use lead by different roads to the same result, viz., a hearing before the Privy Council.

"When a positive 'amotion' has been made by a Governor under Burke's Act (22 Geo. III. c. 75), the appeal to the Queen in Council is *strictissimi juris*, being provided by the statute itself.

"When an order of suspension from office has been made, the matter has commonly been referred by the Queen to the Judicial Committee, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State, though not invariably so, as in some cases the Secretary of State has himself advised the Crown to confirm or to disallow the suspension.

"The reference may be made to the Judicial Committee, or to a Committee of Council generally; but if it be made to the Judicial Committee, it is desirable that the Lord President and the Secretary of State for the Colonies should sit with the Judges on the hearing. This course has been pursued with advantage in several instances.

"When charges are brought by a colonial Assembly Chap. IV. against a Judge in the shape of a petition to the Judiciary Queen in Council for his removal, as in the cases of Chief Justice Boulton, from Newfoundland, Mr. Justice Sanderson, from Grenada, and Chief Justice Beaumont, from British Guiana, the Privy

tice Beaumont, from British Guiana, the Privy Council exercises a species of original jurisdiction on these petitions, which shall be considered presently.

"It may be remarked, generally, that it is extremely difficult, and might be highly injurious to the public service, to lay down an inflexible rule as to the mode of procedure to be adopted in all cases of this nature. When a Judge is charged with gross personal immorality or misconduct, with corruption, or even with irregularity in pecuniary transactions, on evidence sufficient to satisfy the Executive Government of the colony of his guilt, it would be extremely improper that he should continue in the exercise of judicial functions during the whole time required for a reference to England, or a protracted investigation before the Privy Council. Immediate suspension is in such cases a necessity, if much greater evils are to be avoided. But it must be borne in mind that a Governor who resorts to such a measure takes it at at his own peril, and is bound to make out a complete case in justification of it. When such cases come to be investigated at home, both the Governor and the Judge are on their trial; and to have taken unwarrantable pro-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See post, pp. 66, 142.

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CHAP. IV. ceedings against a Judge would doubtless be regarded as a most serious offence on the part of an Executive Officer.

> "On the other hand, when the charges against a Judge consist, not in any acts of personal misconduct, but in a cumulative case of judicial perversity tending to lower the dignity of his office and perhaps to set the community in a flame, it is more difficult for the local Executive to act on its own responsibility. It is in cases of this description that petitions for the removal of Judges have been addressed to the Queen in Council by colonial Legislatures.

"This last mentioned mode of proceeding has been found by the Lords of the Judicial Committee to be more dilatory, more expensive, more onerous to the parties, and less satisfactory to their Lordships, than the mode by way of previous suspension or amotion. And that for the following reasons:—The Privy Council, accustomed to act as a Court of Appeal, that is, to review the evidence and decision of inferior tribunals, has by its constitution considerable difficulty in exercising an original jurisdiction, especially when the evidence has to be transmitted from the colonies. No regular system of pleadings and procedure can be said to exist in such cases. The consequence is that, the charges being often loose, vague, and multifarious, their Lordships have not found it easy to reduce them to distinct and positive issues of fact or law, such as are necessary to the maintenance of a quasi-criminal proceeding.

"As in ecclesiastical suits for the correction or re- Chap. IV. moval of clerks, to which these proceedings offer Judiciary some analogy, it is essential that the acts complained of should be clearly expressed, and that the accused person should have full notice of all that is to be proved against him.

"When the issues are settled comes the difficulty of the evidence. Both sides produce affidavits and other written evidence from the colony. When a batch of affidavits has been filed on one side, application is made by the other side for time to answer them. Great delay and expense ensue; and, as in the case of Mr. Beaumont, this kind of irregularity may protract the hearing of the case for two or three years, during which time the Judge, whom the colony is seeking to remove, retains his office. When the case is completed by the parties or their agents and brought in for argument, it is often loaded with a mass of irrelevant matter. Over these proceedings, regulated as they are by the advice of counsel on either side, their Lordships can exercise but little control in the preliminary stages of the case, being themselves unacquainted with the merits of it.

"The mode of amotion with the right of appeal, or of temporary suspension with a reference to England, is not open to these objections. The evil of an inefficient or discredited judicial officer is at once removed. The Governor, who feels called upon to take so decided a step, is bound to give the accused person full notice of all the charges brought

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CHAP. IV. against him, to call upon him for his answer, and to hear it. This, therefore, affords a solid groundwork for his subsequent proceedings.

> "Furthermore, the Governor, knowing that his decision will be reviewed in England on appeal, is bound, for his own justification, to send home the proceedings and evidence on which that decision rests in a clear and intelligible shape; and provision is made for the performance of this duty, Nos. 83, 84, 85, and 86 of the colonial Regulations.

> "If the matter is then referred by Her Majesty in Council to the Judicial Committee, their Lordships are at once in a position to deal with it. The delay and expense incidental to getting up a case at a distance from the original scene in dispute vanish. The case is, or ought to be, already complete. And if it be at once submitted to the judgment of their Lordships in a complete form, there is no reason that it should not be heard and disposed of in a very short time, and at a small expense. Mr. Cloete's case 1 (8 Moo. P.C. C. 484) is a very fair sample of a proceeding judiciously conducted in this manner. That gentleman had been improperly removed from a judicial office on the 19th April, 1853; he was restored to it by their Lordships on the 20th February, 1854; and although he had undoubtedly suffered an injustice, their Lordships expressed their desire that he should be indemnified for the expense he had been unjustly put to; and he was, in fact,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See post, p. 101.

soon afterwards promoted to a higher judicial CHAP. IV. office.

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"It is scarcely necessary to add that in colonies having legislative Assemblies those Assemblies cannot be deprived of their undoubted constitutional right to address the Crown for the removal of a Judge; and the exercise of this right is altogether independent of the course which the Governor of the colony may think fit to adopt. When the charges against a judicial officer originate with Assemblies, the form of address or petition is perhaps the most correct, though not the most convenient, form of proceeding. When the action for removal originates with the Governor, he has the power to give effect to it in his own hands, subject to the control of the Home authorities.

"The experience of the Lords of the Council, therefore, strongly corroborates the arguments stated in a paper presented to the Colonial Office by Sir F. Roger in favour of proceedings by the Governor, subject to a review by the Secretary of State or the Privy Council in England; and they have invariably found that in cases in which proceedings have originated with the local Assemblies, the delay, uncertainty, and expense have been greatly augmented. At the same time, when the misconduct charged is purely judicial, and therefore not properly amenable to the decision of the Executive authority, acting on the advice of Law Officers or advisers of inferior rank, it would seem that the due maintenance of the independence of judges requires that judicial

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CHAP. IV. acts should only be brought into question before some tribunal of weight and wisdom enough to pronounce definitively upon them; and this function appertains with peculiar fitness to the Privy Council, which, as a Court of Appeal, has to review the decision of the Colonial Courts."

> A memorial having been presented to the Queen by one branch of a colonial Legislature complaining of the conduct in his office of a Chief Justice of the colony, and praying the Crown to adopt such measures of relief to the inhabitants of the colony as should seem expedient and justifiable; and setting forth eleven particulars of charges against the Chief Justice; the Judicial Committee, to whom the memorial and a counter one of the Chief Justice were referred, reported that in the course of fourteen years of office several instances of intemperate and in some cases illegal conduct had been established against the Chief Justice; but having regard to the length of time elapsed since all the acts except one were committed, and that the last of the acts (three years before), though erroneous and improper, was committed in the execution of what the Chief Justice thought his duty, they did not think, sitting judicially, they could say he ought to be removed for misconduct.1

> The Judicial Committee have refused to issue an order in the nature of a mandamus to the judges of a colonial Court to enter up judgment after verdict

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Representatives of the Island of Grenada v. Sanderson, 6 Moo. P. C. C. 38.

obtained by the plaintiff in an action of assault, CHAP. IV. though such judgment ought to have been entered Judiciary and Bar. up as of course. They merely recommended the petitioner to apply again to the judges with an intimation of their Lordships' opinion.1

Where the Judge of a Vice-Admiralty Court decreed the sale of a ship after being served with an inhibition from the Judicial Committee, their Lordships refused to attach him, because it was not proved to their satisfaction not only that there was error, but wilful error, and that it proceeded from corrupt or improper motives.2

In the colonies there are no Inns of Court. Advocates and attorneys have always been admitted in the colonial Courts by the judges. The power of suspending from practice is incidental to that of admitting to practice. Therefore the Judicial Committee refused to advise Her Majesty to interfere with the order of the Justices of the Common Pleas in Antigua disbarring an advocate for professional and general misconduct.3 And two orders of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, the first suspending, the second striking off the rolls, an attorney of that Court, applied for by a barrister prac-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re Muir, 3 Moo. P. C. C. 150; cp. In re Assignees of Manning, 3 Moo. P. C. C. 154.

<sup>2</sup> Barton v. Field, 4 Moo. P. C. C. 273. And see Cloete v. The Queen, 8 Moo. P. C. C. 484.

<sup>3</sup> In re the Justices of the Common Pleas at Antigua, 1 Knapp, 267.

CHAP. IV. tising in the Court, were sustained by the Judicial Judiciary and Bar. Committee.1

A Court of record in the colonies is the sole judge There is no of what constitutes contempts of court. remedy by petition to the Judicial Committee to review the propriety of orders imposing fines for contempts. The Judicial Committee has no jurisdiction to entertain petitions impugning the propriety of such orders.2 Not a single case is to be found where there has been a committal by one of the colonial Courts for contempt, where it appeared clearly upon the face of the order that the party had committed a contempt, that he had been duly summoned, and that the punishment awarded for the contempt was an appropriate one, in which the Committee has ever entertained an appeal against an order of that description.3 But disbarring and striking off the rolls is not an appropriate punishment for contempt of court; and a petition against such an order will therefore be entertained, as well as against other inappropriate punishments.4

Thus a practitioner in the Supreme Court, Halifax, Nova Scotia, having written a letter in his private capacity as suitor to the Chief Justice complaining of a supposed grievance suffered by him as suitor, and reflecting on the judges and the administration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bunny v. Judges of New Zealand, 15 Moo. P. C. C. 164.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rainy v. the Justices of Sierra Leone, 8 Moo. P. C. C. 47.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> McDermott v. Judges of British Guiana, L. R. 2 P. C. p. 363.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Smith v. Justices of Sierra Leone, 3 Moo. P. C. C. 361; In re Downie and Arrindell, 3 Moo. P. C. C. 414; as explained in McDermott v. Judges of British Guiana, L. R. 2 P. C. 341.

of justice generally in the Court, was by order of the CHAP. IV. Court suspended from practising in the Court. appeal the Judicial Committee discharged the order as substituting a penalty and mode of punishment not appropriate to the offence. The letter, though a contempt of Court, and punishable by fine and imprisonment, having been written by a practitioner in his individual and private capacity as a suitor, in respect of a supposed grievance as a suitor, of an injury done to him as such suitor, and having no connexion whatever with his professional character, or anything done by him professionally either as an attorney or barrister, it was not competent for the Supreme Court to go further than award to the offence the customary punishment for contempt of Court, or to inflict a professional punishment of indefinite suspension for an act not done professionally, and which, per se, did not render the party committing it unfit to remain a practitioner in Court.1

When an order suspending from practice is made upon grounds unsupported by evidence,<sup>2</sup> or without notice to the person concerned, or upon insufficient grounds,<sup>3</sup> or without giving time to prepare defence,<sup>4</sup> the Judicial Committee on appeal will rescind it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re Wallace, L. R. 1 P. C. 283.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In re Monckton, 1 Moo. P. C. C. 455.

<sup>3</sup> Smith v. Justices of Sierra Leone, 7 Moo. P. C. C. 174.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Emerson v. Judges of Sup. Ct. of Newfoundland, 8 Moo. P. C. C. 157.

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In a recent case on appeal from Hong Kong<sup>1</sup> a barrister of the Supreme Court of that colony had been fined by the Chief Justice by order of Court, and adjudged to have been guilty of several contempts of Court in disrespectfully addressing the Chief Justice while conducting a cause before him. The order was made without notice of the alleged contempt, or rule to show cause, and without the appellant being heard in defence. The Judicial Committee reported to Her Majesty that in their judgment no person should be punished for contempt of Court, which was a criminal offence, unless the specific offence charged against him was distinctly stated, and an opportunity of answering it given him; and that in that case they were not satisfied that was done before sentence passed; that they were not satisfied that each of the six offences, for which the sentence was received, amounted to a contempt of court, or was legally an offence; and they recommended that the fine should be remitted.

A Judge of the Queen's Bench in Lower Canada, sitting alone in exercise of criminal jurisdiction, has no power under s. 72 of c. 77 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada to pronounce a counsel in contempt for publishing two letters reflecting upon his conduct, or to impose a fine.<sup>2</sup> Where a fine is imposed, the remedy is to petition the Crown for a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re Pollard, L. R. 2 P. C. 106; 5 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 111.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In re Ramsay, L. R. 3 P. C. 427.

reference to the Judicial Committee under 3 & 4 CHAP. IV.

Will. 4 c. 41, s. 4.1

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The Judicial Committee has no jurisdiction to direct the release of a party imprisoned for a contempt of the Court below pending an appeal respecting the results of the suit.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hughes v. Porral, 4 Moo. P. C. C. 41.

### CHAPTER V.

### APPEALS FROM THE COLONIES.

Appeals from the colonies.

It is the settled prerogative of the Crown to receive appeals in colonial cases.<sup>1</sup>

The Queen has authority by virtue of her prerogative to review the decisions of all colonial Courts. whether the proceedings be of a civil or criminal character, unless Her Majesty has parted with such authority. But the inconvenience of entertaining such appeals in cases of a strictly criminal character is so great, the obstruction that it would offer to the administration of justice in the colonies is so obvious. that it is very rarely that applications of that character to the Judicial Committee have been attended with success.9 Where, however, questions are raised of great and general importance and likely to occur often; and where the due and orderly administration of the law has been interrupted or diverted into a new course, which might create a precedent for the future; and where there are no

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re Bishop of Natal, 3 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., p. 156.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Falkland Islands Co. v. Reg., 1 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., p. 312; cp. In re Ames, 3 Moo. P. C. C. 409.

other means of preventing those consequences, an Chap. V. appeal will be entertained by the Committee.1

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Where a Canadian Act, passed under the authority colonies. of an Imperial Act, limited the right of appeal to Her Majesty in Council to causes in which the sum in dispute was more than £500, saving however the rights and prerogatives of the Crown; and the sum in dispute was less than £500; leave to appeal was refused by the Privy Council.2 In a subsequent case, however, where a similar point arose, leave to appeal was granted; and it was observed that in Cuvillier v. Aylwin the proviso in s. 43 of the Canadian Act (34 Geo. 3, c. 6), expressly reserving the royal prerogative, did not appear to have been directly adverted to.3 And in a recent case4 the Judicial Committee overruled Cuvillier v. Aylwin upon the general principle that in any case where a prerogative of the Crown has existed. precise words must be shown to have taken it away.

The Crown now exercises its prerogative to receive appeals from the colonies through the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which is the Court of Appeal in England from the colonies.<sup>5</sup> It consists of the Lord President of the Privy Council; the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain; all Privy Councillors who hold or have held any of the offices of Lord of Appeal in ordinary, Lord Chief Justice

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reg. v. Bertrand, L. R. 1 P. C. 520; cp. Reg. v. Murphy, L. R. 2 P. C. 35, 535.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cuvillier v. Aylwin, 2 Knapp, 72.

<sup>\*</sup> In re Marois, 15 Moo. P. C. C. 189.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Cushing v. Dupuy, L. R. 5 App. 409.

<sup>5 3 &</sup>amp; 4 Will. 4, c. 41, s. 2.

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CHAP. V. of England, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal, Judge of any of the late Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer, Probate, or Admiralty, or of Chief Judge in Bankruptcy; all past Presidents of the Council and Lord Chancellors; together with any two others whom Her Majesty shall think fit to appoint from time to time on the Committee.1 Her Majesty may also summon other Privy Councillors to the Committee.<sup>2</sup> By 34 & 35 Vict. c. 91 power was given to Her Majesty to appoint four paid members within twelve months, who had been either Judges of a Superior Court at Westminster, or Chief Justices of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William, Madras, or Bombay, or of the late Supreme Court of Judicature at Fort William. Three members of the Committee form a quorum,3

> In order to prosecute an appeal from a colonial Court to Her Majesty in Council leave must be obtained from the Court below according to the rules in the colony with reference to such appeals.4 If leave, however, has not been obtained from the Court below, either because there are no rules,5 or because the Court below has no power to allow appeals direct to Her Majesty in Council, or because

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 41, s. 1; 37 & 38 Vict. c. 35, sched. as to 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 41; 20 & 21 Vict. c. 77, s. 115; 39 & 40 Vict. c. 59, ss. 6, 14; 44 Vict. c. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 41, s. 5. <sup>8</sup> 14 & 15 Vict. c. 83, s. 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A detailed account of these rules is given in Macpherson's Privy Council Practice, which has been consulted in preparing the following account.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Siemens v. Heirs of Bufe, 11 Moo. P. C. C. 62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Flint v. Walker, 5 Moo. P. C. C. 179; Bank of Australasia v.

the rules in the colony have not been complied with CHAP. V. -e.g., in that the amount in dispute is less than the Appeals from the appealable value, or that the time for presenting an colonies. appeal has expired,2 or that proper security for costs has not been given,3 &c., a petition to Her Majesty in Council may be presented for special leave to appeal, which will be referred to the Judicial Committee for them to advise whether it should be granted or refused.

When leave to appeal has been obtained, the appellant must prepare a transcript of the proceedings below and transmit it to the office of the Privy Council. Along with the transcript must be forwarded a written account of the reasons given by the judges of the Court below for the judgment pronounced by them.4 If the transcript is not printed in the colony, the appellant must within a certain time call on the Registrar of the Privy Council to cause it, or such part of it as the appellant and respondent consider necessary, to be printed.

The transcript having been delivered at the Privy Council Office, the appellant presents his petition of appeal,5 which usually merely contains a short state-

Breillat, 6 Moo. P. C. C. 152; Marchioness of Bute v. Mason, 7 Moo. P. C. C. 1; Bank of Australasia v. Harris, 15 Moo. P. C. C. 97; Bunny v. Judges of New Zealand, 15 Moo. P. C. C. 164. By 7 & 8 Vict. c. 69, s. 1, power was given to admit appeals from colonial Courts, although not Courts of Errors or Appeals in the colonies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Topical Index of Cases, Practice, 43-58, post.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See ibid, 34-37, post.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, 33-63, post.

<sup>4</sup> See 7 & 8 Vict. c. 69, s. 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Petitions of appeal from Canada may be presented before de-

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> Originally the petition was submitted to Her Majesty at the first Council meeting after the lodgment; when Her Majesty made an order referring it to the Judicial Committee to hear and report upon Subsequently authority was given to the it.¹ Judicial Committee to proceed in hearing and reporting upon appeals duly presented without any special order in Council referring the same to them, provided that Her Majesty in Council had by Order in Council in the month of November directed that all appeals should be referred to the said Judicial Committee on which petitions might be presented to Her Majesty in Council during twelve months next after the making of such order.2 Order in Council is passed every November as a matter of course.

> On hearing that the petition of appeal has been lodged, the respondent appears to it by sending a letter to the Registrar stating his full name, the Court appealed from, and the date of the judgment appealed from.

> livery of the transcript. See Macpherson's Practice, 2d ed., p. 81.

<sup>1 3 &</sup>amp; 4 W. 4, c. 41, s. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 7 & 8 Vict. c. 69, s. 9.

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It is rather curious that there is no provision Chap. V. apparently for securing that notice of the appeal from the being lodged should be given to the respondent. Colonies. The proceedings in the Court below will, however, in ordinary cases have given him notice. If he does not appear the appellant may obtain a summons to him from the Judicial Committee to appear within two months, and post it at the Royal Exchange, or Lloyd's Coffee House; followed, if necessary, by a peremptory order to appear in six weeks, posted at the same places. When the respondent has appeared, the parties prepare their respective cases, which are always drawn and signed by counsel

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The cases are prepared with the assistance of the transcript. The appellant's case details so much of the proceedings below as are necessary to support his view, placing in an appendix such parts of the transcript as require special notice, and cannot con-

veniently be inserted in the case itself.

reasons of the appeal are shortly set forth. ticular form is necessary.

Each party delivers to his opponent a copy of his case, after he has lodged it. Whichever party first lodges his case may obtain an order on his opponent to lodge his within one month from service of the order; on default of compliance with which another order may be obtained for delivery of the case within a fortnight on pain of the cause being set down for hearing ex parte.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Willis v. Gipps, 5 Moo. P. C. C. p. 384.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Willis v. Gipps, ubi sup.

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Finally the cause is set down in a list, and comes on in its turn for argument by counsel.

After hearing the arguments the Judicial Committee makes a report or recommendation to Her Majesty in Council, the nature of which is always stated in open court. A majority of the members present must concur in such report or recommendation.<sup>2</sup>

After an appeal has been admitted and referred to the Judicial Committee, interlocutory petitions should be addressed to the Committee, not to Her Majesty in Council.

1 3 & 4 W. 4, c. 41, s. 3.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, s. 5.

## CHAPTER VI.

### IMPERIAL STATUTES RELATING TO THE COLONIES.

## Section 1.

Imperial Statutes relating to the Colonies in general.

7 Geo. 3, c. 50: So much of as relates to Post Chap. VI.

Office offences in America and the West Indies.

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22 Geo. 3, c. 75, ss. 2—4: Offices in colonies.

3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 41: Establishing Judicial relating to the Committee of the Privy Council to hear appeals in general. from the colonies. Amended by 6 & 7 Vict. c. 38; 7 & 8 Vict. c. 69, giving appeal from inferior Court in colony direct to Queen in Council; 14 & 15 Vict. c. 83. Sections 22, 25—27, 1 (as to Judge of Prerogative Court of Archbishop of Canterbury), 29, repealed by Statute Law Revision Acts of 1861,

3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 73, s. 12, last half of: Abolishing slavery throughout the British colonies, plantations and possessions abroad.

1874, 1875.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In re Pollard, L. R. 2 P. C. 106, (s. 4); Logan v. Burslem, 4 Moo. P. C. C. 284; Hutchinson v. Gillespie, 2 Moo. P. C. C. 243, (s. 17); Falle v. Le Sueur, 12 Moo. P. C. C. 501, (s. 7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Harrison v. Scott, 5 Moo. P. C. C. 357; A.-G. of Jamaica v. Manderson, 6 Moo. P. C. C. 239; In re Barnett, 4 Moo. P. C. C. 453; Hitchins v. Hollingsworth, 7 Moo. P. C. C. 228.

CHAP. VI. 3 & 4 Vict. c. 96, s. 44: Postage on proceedings Sect. 1. of colonial Legislatures.

Imperial Statutes relating to in general.

- 5 & 6 Vict. c. 45: Copyright. Amended by 10 the colonies & 11 Vict. c. 95; and see 39 & 40 Vict. c. 36, s. 152.
  - 6 & 7 Vict. c. 7: Pardon of transported convicts; 2 holding of property by ticket-of-leave men (ss. 1 and 6 repealed).
  - 6 & 7 Vict. c. 34: Rendition of offenders in colonies escaping to United Kingdom. Repealed as to ss. 10 ("such as" to "sessions of the peace") and 11.
  - 7 & 8 Vict. c. 49, ss. 1-5, 9, 10: Posts in colonies, rates of postage. But see 38 & 39 Vict. c. 22, s. 14.
  - 10 & 11 Vict. c. 85, s. 3: Collection and recovery of colonial postage. But see 38 & 39 Vict. c. 22, s. 14.
  - 12 & 13 Vict. c. 66: To enable colonial Legislatures to establish inland posts.
  - 12 & 13 Vict. c. 96: Prosecution and trial within colonies of offences committed within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty. Extended to India by 23 & 24 Vict. c. 88. S. 5 repealed from "and the word Governor" to end, by 44 & 45 Vict. c. 59.
  - 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99, s. 7: Proof of colonial proclamations, treaties, Acts of State, judgments, &c., and other judicial proceedings, and legal documents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Low v. Routledge, L. R. 1 Ch. App. 42; 3 H. L. 100, nom. Routledge v. Low.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Barnett v. Blake, 2 Drewr. & Sm. 117.

- 15 & 16 Vict. c. 39: Sale moneys of lands in CHAP. VI. colonies, appropriation of.

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- 15 & 16 Vict. c. 52: Colonial bishops acting in statutes relating to England. Extended by 16 & 17 Vict. c. 49, and the colonies amended by 37 & 38 Vict. c. 77, ss. 8, 13.
- 15 & 16 Vict. c. 86, s. 22: Swearing and taking legal proceedings and documents in the colonies.
- 16 & 17 Vict. c. 48: Punishment of coin offences in colonies except where other provision made by colonial Acts; power to make such provision.
- 16 & 17 Vict. c. 84, s. 1: Number of Asiatic and African passengers in ships.
- 16 & 17 Vict. c. 107, ss. 165, 166, 182, 183, 188: Regulations as to customs.
- 16 & 17 Vict. c. 107, ss. 327, 330, 331: Regulations as to import and export and trade in certain colonies.
- 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104, ss. 17—108, 109, 288—290, 547: Merchant Shipping (Colonial).<sup>2</sup>
- 18 & 19 Vict. c. 91, ss. 2—8: Erection and maintenance of colonial lighthouses.
- 18 & 19 Vict. c. 119, ss. 95—98: Application of Passenger Act to colonial voyages.
- 19 & 20 Vict. c. 113: Taking evidence as to civil and commercial matters pending before foreign tribunals. S. 6, from "provided" to the end, repealed by 44 & 45 Vict. c. 59.
  - 20 & 21 Vict. c. 39: Admission of Attorneys

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Re Goss's Estate, 12 Jur. N. S. 595.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See post, 32 & 33 Vict. c. 11.

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Superior Courts. Amended by 37 & 38 Vict. c. 41.

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21 & 22 Vict. c. 90, ss. 31, 46: Medical practirelating to the colonies tioners in the colonies.

in general.

21 & 22 Vict. c. 108, s. 21: Swearing and taking in the colonies documents in proceedings in Court of Divorce.

22 Vict. c. 25: Government of convict prisons in Her Majesty's dominions abroad. S. 1 repealed by 38 & 39 Vict. c. 66.

22 & 23 Vict. c. 12: Authorising repeal by colonial Legislatures of parts of 54 Geo. 3, c. 15, and 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 62. S. 1 repealed by 38 & 39 Vict. c. 66.

22 & 23 Vict. c. 63: To afford facilities for ascertaining the law administered in one part of Her Majesty's dominions when pleaded in the Courts of another part thereof.<sup>1</sup>

23 & 24 Vict. c. 121: Civil government and administration of justice in new settlements.

23 & 24 Vict. c. 122: Enabling colonial Legislatures to make enactments similar to 9 Geo. 4, c. 31, s. 8.

24 & 25 Vict. c. 95, s. 2: Saving from repeal certain enactments extended to the colonies.

25 Vict. c. 20: Prohibition of issue of writ of *Habeas Corpus* into any colony having a court authorized to grant the same.

26 & 27 Vict. c. 24: Vice-Admiralty Courts,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lord v. Colvin, 29 L. J. Ch. 297.

constitution, practice and jurisdiction of. Extended Chap. VI. and amended by 30 & 31 Vict. c. 45.

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- 26 & 27 Vict. c. 76: Time at which Letters statutes relating the colonies.
- 26 & 27 Vict. c. 84: Confirming constitutional Acts of colonial Legislatures.
  - 28 & 29 Vict. c. 14: Colonial Naval Defence.
  - 28 & 29 Vict. c. 63: Validity of colonial laws.2
- 28 & 29 Vict. c. 64: Establishing validity of colonial marriage laws.
- 28 & 29 Vict. c. 106: Loans for construction of colonial docks.
- 29 & 30 Vict. c. 87: Power to Queen to assign same jurisdiction to Colonial Courts as to Courts out of Her dominions under Foreign Jurisdiction Acts.
- 31 Vict. c. 29: Medical Practitioners, Registration of.
  - 31 & 32 Vict. c. 37: Documentary Evidence.
- 32 Vict. c. 10: Removal of prisoners from one colony to another for purpose of punishment.
- 32 & 33 Vict. c. 11: Merchant Shipping (Colonial).3
  - 33 & 34 Vict. c. 10, s. 11: Coinage.
- 33 & 34 Vict. c. 14, s. 16: Power of colonies to legislate as to naturalization.
- 33 & 34 Vict. c. 52, ss. 17, 18: Extradition of criminals. Amended by 36 & 37 Vict. c. 60.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Casanova v. Reg., 3 Moo. P. C. C., N. S., 484, (s. 23).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> L'Union de S. Jacques de Montréal v. Bélisle, L. R. 6 P. C. 31, (s. 5); Bank of Australasia v. Nias, 16 Q. B. 717; 20 L. J. Q. B. 284, (s. 3).

<sup>3</sup> See ante, 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104.

CHAP. VI. 33 & 34 Vict. c. 90: Foreign enlistment.

Sect. 1. 37 & 38 Vict. c. 27: Regulating sentences of Imperial statutes colonial Courts when jurisdiction to try given by relating to the colonies Imperial Acts.

37 & 38 Vict. c. 77: Colonial Clergy.

39 & 40 Vict. c. 36, s. 149: Powers of Commissioners as to customs, &c., vested in Governors, &c., of colonies.

39 & 40 Vict. c. 36, ss. 151, 161: Customs Acts to extend to colonies except where otherwise provided, or where provision for management of customs made by local ordinance or Act. Colonial laws, &c., repugnant to Customs Acts to be void.

39 & 40 Vict. c. 36, s. 153: Forfeiture of goods of foreign manufacture imported into colonies if bearing names or brands of manufacturers resident in United Kingdom.

40 & 41 Vict. c. 23: Transferring to Governor of colony fortifications held in trust for defence of colony.

40 & 41 Vict. c. 59: Colonial stock. Amended by 43 & 44 Vict. c. 20, s. 54.

41 & 42 Vict. c. 67: Extending and amending Foreign Jurisdiction Acts. Power to extend 6 & 7 Vict. c. 34; 12 & 13 Vict. c. 96; 14 & 15 Vict. c. 99, ss. 7, 11; 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104, pt. X.; 19 & 20 Vict. c. 113; 22 Vict. c. 20; 22 & 23 Vict. c. 63; 23 & 24 Vict. c. 122; 24 & 25 Vict. c. 11; 30 & 31 Vict. c. 124, s. 11; 37 & 38 Vict. c. 94, s. 51; to places to which Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1843, applies.

42 & 43 Vict. c. 33, s. 168 (4), 169 (3): Appli- Chap. VI. cation of military law to troops raised out of United Sect. 1. Kingdom or India.

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44 & 45 Vict. c. 69: To amend the law with relating to respect to fugitive offenders in Her Majesty's domi-in general. nions, and for other purposes connected with the trial of offenders.

Slavery stands abolished in the colonies by 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 73, s. 12, and 6 & 7 Vict. c. 98, s. 2; and the importation of slaves and the slave trade generally is forbidden by 5 Geo. 4, c. 113, ss. 2—11, 12 (to "taken to be in full force"), 39, 40, and 47, and 36 & 37 Vict. c. 88. And see 27 & 28 Vict. c. 24. Jurisdiction is given to English consular officers on the East Coast of Africa in relation to the slave trade by 36 & 37 Vict. c. 59, amended by 42 & 43 Vict. c. 38.

# Section 2.

Imperial Statutes relating to particular Colonies.

Africa, Coast of.—1 & 2 Geo. 4, c. 28: Pos- Sect. 2. sessions of African Co. vested in the Crown and statutes annexed to Sierra Leone.

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6 & 7 Vict. c. 13: Government of settlements on. 21 & 22 Vict. c. 35: Confirming convention with

the French as to Portendic and Albreda.

Africa, South.—26 & 27 Vict. c. 35: Prevention and punishment of offences by Her Majesty's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Richards v. Attorney-General of Jamaica, 6 Moo. P. C. C. 381.

Chap. VI. subjects in parts of S. Africa not within jurisdiction

Sect. 2. of any civilised government.

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40 & 41 Vict. c. 47: Providing for a Union of the South African Colonies and States, and framing Constitution.

AFRICA, WEST.—16 & 17 Vict c. 86: Rights of liberated Africans in Sierra Leone; to be deemed natural born subjects.

24 & 25 Vict. c. 31: Prevention and punishment of offences in territories adjacent to Sierra Leone.

34 Vict. c. 8: Extending jurisdiction of Courts to offences committed out of Her Majesty's dominions.

British Kaffraria.—28 & 29 Vict. c. 5: Union with Cape of Good Hope.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—26 & 27 Vict. c. 35: Extending laws for punishment of crime to British subjects in parts of S. Africa not within jurisdiction of civilised government; appointment of magistrates in such territory.

28 & 29 Vict. c. 5: Incorporation of British Kaffraria with.

40 & 41 Vict. c. 47, s. 58: Power to annex British possessions in S. Africa.

AMERICA, NORTH, BRITISH POSSESSIONS IN.—39 & 40 Vict. c. 36, s. 150: Base coin not to be imported into.

North Western Territories of.—22 & 23 Vict. c. 26: Administration of justice; regulation of trade with Indians.

British Columbia.—22 & 23 Vict. c. 26: Juris-

diction of Courts over offences committed in Indian CHAP. VI. territory.

29 & 30 Vict. c. 67: Union with Vancouver's statutes Island.

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33 & 34 Vict. c. 66: Government of.

CANADA.—14 Geo. 3, c. 831: Defining province Repealed as to ss. 3, 4, 6, 7, 11 (fr. of Quebec. "subject" to end), 12-17.

- 31 Geo. 3, c. 31, ss. 38-40, 43-45: Parsonages; grants of lands.
- 1 & 2 Geo. 4, c. 66: Trade with Indians; administration of justice in Indian territories. pealed as to s. 5 and ss. 6—13 so far as relating to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia.
  - 3 Geo. 4, c. 119, ss. 31, 32: Tenure of lands.
- 6 Geo. 4, c. 59<sup>2</sup>: Extinction of feudal tenures; addition of parts of Labrador, &c., to Lower Canada; clergy reserves.
  - 6 Geo. 4, c. 75: Canada Co.
  - 9 Geo. 4, c. 51: Canada Co.
- 1 Will. 4, c. 20: Tenure of lands in Lower Canada.
  - 3 & 4 Vict. c. 38: Sale of clergy reserves.
- 14 & 15 Vict. c. 63: Settling boundaries between Canada and New Brunswick.
  - 15 & 16 Vict. c. 53: Bishopric of Quebec.
  - 16 & 17 Vict. c. 21: Clergy reserves.
  - 19 & 20 Vict. c. 23: Canada Co.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Migneault v. Malo, L. R. 4 P. C. 123.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Macdonald v. Lambe, L. R. 1 P. C. 539.

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- 20 & 21 Vict. c. 34: Boundaries between Canada and New Brunswick.
- 22 & 23 Vict. c. 26: Regulation of trade with Indians; administration of justice.
- 30 & 31 Vict. c. 31 (British N. America Act): Union of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and government thereof. Amended by 38 & 39 Vict. c. 38.
- 30 & 31 Vict. c. 16: Guarantee of international railway loan.
- 31 & 32 Vict. c. 105: Rupert's Land; surrender of lands by Hudson's Bay Co.
  - 32 & 33 Vict. c. 11, s. 7: Merchant Shipping.
- 32 & 33 Vict. c. 11, s. 7: Canada to be one British possession for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and the Acts amending the same.
- 32 & 33 Vict. c. 101: Guarantee of loan for payment to Hudson's Bay Co. for Rupert's Land.
- 34 Vict. c. 28: Establishing new provinces; altering boundaries of provinces; legislation for territories and provinces.
- 35 & 36 Vict. c. 45<sup>2</sup>: Treaty of Washington (Fisheries); suspension of Acts at variance with.
- Valin v. Langlois, L. R. 5 App. 115, (s. 92, sub-s. 14); Dow v. Black, L. R. 6 P. C. 272; L'Union de S. Jacques de Montréal v. Bélisle, L. R. 6 P. C. 31, (ss. 91, 92); Cushing v. Dupuy, L. R. 5 App. 409, (ss. 91, 92); Citizens, &c., Co. v. Parsons, L. R. 7 App. 96, (ss. 91, 92); Dobie v. Temporalities Board, L. R. 7 App. 136, (ss. 91, 92); Western Coys. Ry. Co. v. Windsor, &c., Ry. Co., L. R. 7 App. 178, (s. 108).
- Direct U. S. Cable Co. v. Anylo-American Telegraph Co., L. R.
   App. 394.

36 & 37 Vict. c. 45: Guarantee of loan for Pacific CHAP. VI. railway and canals.

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37 & 38 Vict. c. 26: Canadian stock, stamps.

38 & 39 Vict. c. 53: Canada Copyright Act, Act particular giving effect to, &c.

Imperial statutes relating to colonies.

New Brunswick.—14 & 15 Vict. c. 63; 20 & 21 Vict. c. 34; 30 & 31 Vict. c. 3; 38 & 39 Vict. c. 38. See Canada.

Newfoundland.—59 Geo. 3, c. 38; Fisheries off.

5 Geo. 4, c. 67; Administration of justice. pealed as to coast of Labrador by 6 Geo. 4, c. 59, s. 9; and as to ss. 11, 18, 19, 21 (from "that of Governor" to "instead under this Act"), 23-34, 36, by 36 & 37 Vict. c. 91.

5 Geo. 4, c. 68, s. 1, from "provided always" to end of section: Marriages in.

2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 78, s. 1: Continuation of Acts.

5 & 6 Vict. c. 120: Amending Constitution. 5, 6, 8—11, repealed.

12 & 13 Vict. c. 21: Rebuilding S. John's.

Nova Scotia. - 30 & 31 Vict. c. 3: See Canada. Prince Edward's Island.—3 & 4 Vict. c. 35, s. 60: Union of Magdalen Islands with,

Vancouver's Island.—12 & 13 Vict. c. 48: Administration of justice in.

29 & 30 Vict. c. 67: Union with British Columbia.

AMERICA, SOUTH, COLONIES IN.—11 & 12 Vict. c. 130: 32 & 33 Vict. c. 69: Guarantee of interest on loans.

Sect. 2. Imperial statutes relating to particular colonies. AUSTRALASIA.—24 & 25 Vict. c. 52: Regulating marine intercolonial passenger traffic.

See Pacific Islands.

Australian Colonies.—5 Geo. 4, c. 86: Australian Agricultural Co.

- 11 Geo. 4 and 1 Will. 4, c. 24: Ditto.
- 18 & 19 Vict. c. 56: Disposal of waste lands.
- 24 & 25 Vict. c. 44, s. 5: Determining boundaries.
- 36 & 37 Vict. c. 22: Power to Legislatures of to regulate customs duties.

Australia, South.—5 & 6 Vict. c. 61: Government of. Ss. 1—3, 9, 12, 14, repealed by 38 & 39 Vict. c. 66. As to constitution, appointment, and power of Council, repealed by

- 13 & 14 Vict. c. 59: Legislative Council in, &c.
- 24 & 25 Vict. c. 44, s. 1: Additions to the colony.
- 25 & 26 Vict. c. 11: Validity of Acts; altering constitution.
- 29 & 30 Vict. c. 74, s. 2: Validity of laws as to customs duties.
  - 28 & 29 Vict. c. 63, s. 7: Validity of laws.

Australia, Western.—13 & 14 Vict. c. 59: Legislative Council of, &c.

- 25 & 26 Vict. c. 11: Validity of Acts; altering constitution.
- 29 & 30 Vict. c. 74, s. 2: Validity of laws as to customs duties.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—3 & 4 Vict. c. 62: Erecting new colonies out of.

5 & 6 Vict. c. 76: Government of. But see 7 & 8

Vict. c. 74, ss. 2, 4; 13 & 14 Vict. c. 54, ss. 8, 13, Chap. VI. 16, 23; 18 & 19 Vict. c. 54, s. 2; 29 & 30 Vict. c. 74, s. 1; 38 & 39 Vict. c. 66.

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18 & 19 Vict. c. 54: Conferring constitution. particular Part of s. 7 repealed by 24 & 25 Vict. c. 44, s. 4.

12 & 13 Vict. c. 22: Validity of grants of land.

24 & 25 Vict. c. 44, ss. 1, 2, 4: Erecting other colonies.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 11: Validity of certain laws; altering constitution.

29 & 30 Vict. c. 74, s. 2: Validity of laws as to duties of customs.

QUEENSLAND.—24 & 25 Vict. c. 44: Affirming authority of government and legislature in.

VICTORIA.—18 & 19 Vict. c. 55<sup>1</sup>: Conferring constitution.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 11: Validity of Acts; altering constitution.

29 & 30 Vict. c. 74, s. 2: Validity of laws as to customs.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.-6 Geo. 4, c. 39: Van Diemen's Land Co.

5 & 6 Vict. c. 76: Government of. But see 7 & 8 Vict. c. 74, ss. 2, 4; 13 & 14 Vict. c. 54, ss. 8, 13, 16, 23; 18 & 19 Vict. c. 54, s. 2; 29 & 30 Vict. c. 74, s. 1; 38 & 39 Viet. c. 66.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 57: Granting lands to Van Diemen's Land Co.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Speaker of Legislative Assembly of Victoria v. Glass, L. R. 3 P. C. 560.

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13 & 14 Vict. c. 59; Constitution of.

Sect. 2. Imperial statutes relating to particular colonies. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 11: Confirmation of Acts; altering constitution of legislative bodies.

29 & 30 Vict. c. 74, s. 2; Validity of laws as to customs.

New Zealand.—9 & 10 Vict. c. 103; 11 & 12 Vict. c. 95: Government of. But see

15 & 16 Vict. c. 72: Granting representative constitution; repealing the previous Acts so far as repugnant to it. Amended by 20 & 21 Vict. c. 53.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 112: New Zealand Co.

12 & 13 Vict. c. 79: Ditto.

13 & 14 Vict. c. 70: Canterbury Association.

14 & 15 Vict. c. 84 : Ditto.

14 & 15 Vict. c. 86: Management of settlements by New Zealand Co.

15 & 16 Vict. c. 72, s. 76: Transfer of powers of Canterbury Association to Council of Province.

15 & 16 Vict. c. 88: Bishopric of Christchurch.

20 & 21 Vict. c. 51; 29 & 30 Vict. c. 104; 33 & 34 Vict. c. 40; 36 & 37 Vict. c. 15: Loan guarantee.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 48; 31 & 32 Vict. c. 57: Government of.

26 & 27 Vict. c. 23: Boundaries.

31 & 32 Vict. c. 57: Appointment of members of Legislative Council.

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  - Semble.—The House of Commons possesses this power only by virtue of ancient usage and prescription, the lex et consuetudo parliamenti.
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  - Quære, whether it can bestow upon it an authority, viz. that of committing for contempt, not incidental to it by law.
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- 5. Agents of estates—Commission of 6 per cent. by Jamaica Act, 24 Geo. 2, c. 19, to agents, trustees, guardians, executors, &c., for management and disposal of rents and profits of an estate—Remuneration for trouble and responsibility of conducting business of merchant on island—Payable only to persons actually resident on island, and capable and willing to act in trusts of estate—Commission of 5 per cent. by the same Act for receiving and remitting moneys only claimable where receipts on payments actually made on island.
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- 6. Attorney and manager—Injunction obtained against by cestui que trust of moiety of produce of certain plantations and estates in Jamaica, prohibiting from shipping or consigning any portion of produce save as such cestui que trust should direct—Attorney trustee of same moiety—Injunction dissolved.

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- 19. Legislative Assembly—Power of punishing contempts—Committal of party guilty of publishing libellous paragraphs, which had been resolved a breach of the privileges of House, to custody of keeper of common gaol in county of Middlesex in Jamaica, to be detained during the pleasure of the House.
  - Quære, Whether the warrant to the serjeant-at-arms, directing him to take the appellant into custody, justified him in committing such custody to the gaoler of the gaol in Middlesex.

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- 28. Stoppage in transitu—Confirmation of agent's act by principal.

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- 29. Usury—Mortgage debts on West India estates demurred against as usurious—Demurrer overruled as informal and contrary to usage—Question of usury not therefore fairly before Court.
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  - Appeal allowed though subject under appealable value on account of public importance of question—Rule 1 of Order in Council 13 June, 1853, allowing costs to successful appellant, discretionary in Court, only to be allowed in special circumstances.
  - To entitle appellant to costs application to be made at hearing. Lindo v. Barrett, 9 Moo. P. C. C. 456.
- 31. Will—Mortgage by A. of estate in 1774—Annuity by will in 1775 to widow in lieu of dower—Subsequent mortgage of his interest by W., original mortgagee—Bill by R. in 1786 against W. and real and personal representative of A. for foreclosure—Decree in 1791 declaring that widow bond fide purchaser of annuity and entitled to be paid it out of mortgaged estate—Suit not prosecuted—Death of widow in 1794—Bill by her representative in 1822 against heir of W. and others claiming under him and heirs and devisees of A. for payment of arrears of annuity during her life-time, or for sale of estate and payment of arrears out of proceeds—Annuity not expressly charged on real estate of A.—Mere pecuniary legacy—Decree of 1791 erroneous.
  - When a Court of Equity is called upon to carry into execution a former decree, it is not bound to do so if, upon enquiry into the merits, it appears to have been erroneous.
  - Remedies for recovery of arrears of held lost by length of time.
  - The mortgagor and his heirs only can sue the mortgagee for an account and redemption, unless it can be shown that there is collusion between them and the mortgagees.

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32. Will—Marriage and birth of child—Revocation of will made previous to marriage—Tacit condition annexed to will at the time of making not to have effect, if the deceased have a wife, and child subsequently born—Such tacit condition to will of personal as well as real estate—Annexed at the time of making will, which speaks from that period and not from testator's death.

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- 6. Extension of Imperial law to colonies—Scotch Sequestration Act, 2 & 3 Vict. c. 41—Extension of to the colonies—Act of Tobago Legislature declaring common law and statutes of England, so far as applicable, in force in the island—Quære whether Interpleading Act, 1 & 2 W. 4, c. 58, extends to Tobago—If so, does appeal from judgment on feigned issue lie to Queen in Council? (Tobago.)

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- 2. Governor—Plea to action of debt brought in the Court of First Instance in the Island of Trinidad that defendant was at the commencement of the action, and still was, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island, and as such not liable to be sued—Overruled.
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- 4. Treasurer of Trinidad—No preferential claim against the estate of by Crown for moneys not forming part of the public revenue of the island, though received by him under order of Court of Audience from the Escribanos or Registrars of the courts.

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- 6. Donation—Deed of in favour of illegitimate children, minors—
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- 8. Foreign judgments—Decree of Court below for money due on reversed—Judgments improperly obtained—Certificate of deputy Secretary in S. Vincent's that he had searched Secretary's office, and could find no warrant of attorney to confess judgment in an action, received as evidence of the non-existence of such a power, having been admitted as such in the Court below—Bills drawn by one partner for a separate debt in the partnership name cannot be recovered upon as against the firm, unless the plaintiff can prove either a direct assent from the other partners, or circumstances from which such assent might have been reasonably presumed.
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- 16. Practice—Execution sale—Claim declared preferential—Appeals—Pending appeals petition filed in British Guiana praying Court to proceed to judgment of præ et concurrentiæ and to award the moneys to be paid sub cautione de restituendo—Refused—Application ex parte to Her Majesty in Council to reverse refusal, and for order upon Judges in British Guiana to entertain petitioner's application—Not entertained.

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unless specific offence charged distinctly stated, and opportunity given of answering—Barrister engaged in professional duty before Supreme Court, without notice of alleged contempt or rule to show cause, without being heard in defence, by order of Court fined and adjudged to have been guilty of several contempts of Court in disrespectfully addressing the Chief Justice while conducting a cause—Order, upon a reference by the Crown to Judicial Committee under the statute 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 41, s. 4, set aside, and fine ordered to be remitted, first, on ground that the order was bad, inasmuch as the offences charged were not of themselves such contempts of Court as legally constituted an offence; secondly, that even if they had been so, no distinct charge of the several alleged offences was stated, and no opportunity given to the party accused of being heard before passing sentence.

In re Pollard, L. R. 2 P C. 106.

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of their refusal, to which they return answers signed by the bailiffs. This practice does not extend to petitions for leave to appeal from the Courts of any other of His Majesty's dominions.

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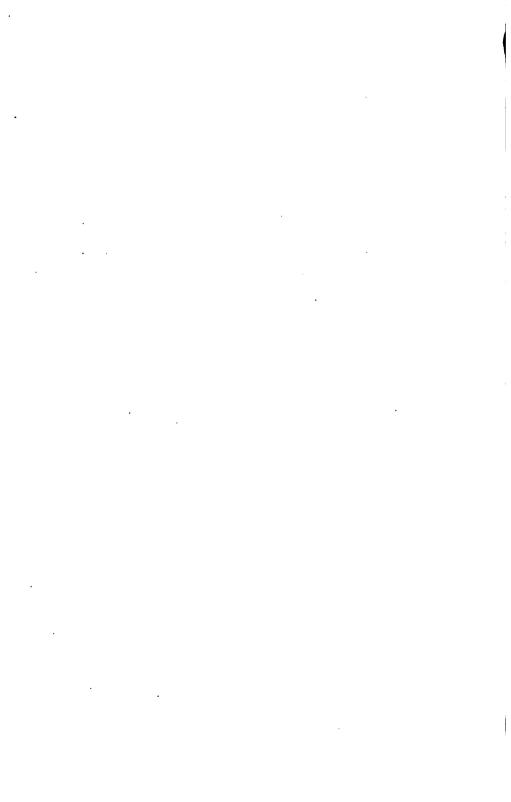
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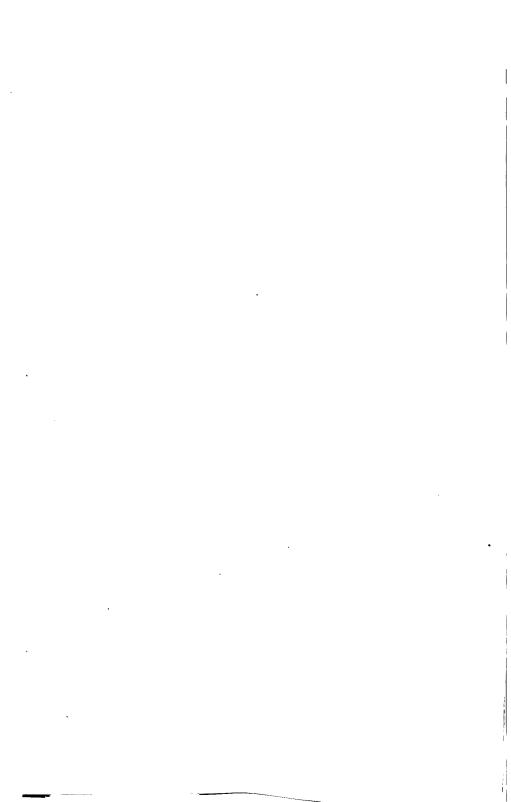
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